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INFLUENTIAL ZEN MONK AND PEACE ACTIVIST PASSES AWAY

Thich Nhat Hanh, whose reach within Buddhism is seen as second only to the Dalai Lama, died at the age of 95

NOMINATED FOR NOBEL BY MARTIN LUTHER KING

In the early 1960s, the Vietnamese monk travelled to the US, where he taught at Columbia and Princeton. In 1966, he met civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr and called him a 'Bodhisattva'. The monk's efforts to promote reconciliation between communist North Vietnam and the US-backed South impressed King and he nominated Nhat Hanh for the Nobel Peace Prize | P11

HELPED SPREAD MEDITATION IN THE WEST

- Barred from home due to his call for peace, the monk spent more than three decades in France. During his stay in the West, Nhat Hanh set up meditation retreats around the world
- Allowed into Vietnam in 2005, ties again soured after he called for an end to the communist government's control over religion

>100 books

WRITTEN BY THE MONK, MOST OF THEM ON MEDITATION AND FINDING INNER PEACE

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EC extends ban on road shows till Jan 31

Some curbs eased; physical meetings with 500-people cap allowed from Jan 28 for Phase 1 and Feb 1 for Phase 2

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission on Saturday extended the ban on physical rallies and road shows till January 31 but gave some relaxation for physical public meetings of political parties and contesting candidates for Phase 1 of the Assembly elections from January 28 and Phase 2 from February 1. The commission also increased the limit of five persons for door-to-door campaigning to 10.

The decision to extend the ban was taken following a review meeting that the EC had with the Union health secretary and chief secretaries, chief electoral officers and the health secretaries of the five poll-bound states. After taking into consideration the inputs and ground reports from these officers, the commission deliberated on requirements of the campaign period for Phases 1 and 2 where the candidate lists will be finalised on January 27 and January 31, respectively.

The commission decided to allow physical public meetings in designated open spaces with a maximum of 500 persons or 50% of the capacity of the ground or the prescribed limit set by state disaster management authorities, whichever is fewer. The EC has also allowed video vans for publicity with the usual Covid restrictions at designated open spaces.

Political parties and contesting candidates shall ensure compliance with Covid-appropriate behaviour and guidelines and the model code of conduct on all occasions during the activities connected with elections, the poll panel said. It shall be the responsibility of the concerned officer to identify and notify the designated spaces in advance for the aforesaid purposes, the commission added.

The poll panel also reviewed the vaccination status and action plan for expeditiously completing inoculation for first, second and booster doses for eligible persons among polling personnel.

CEC Sushil Chandra along with Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey, accompanied by the secretary general and concerned deputy election commissioners, participated in the review meeting.

BATTLEGROUND U.P.

- A day after hinting that she is the party's CM face in UP, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra makes a U-turn. "I said that in irritation because you all were asking the same question again and again"
- Akhilesh Yadav makes official decision to contest from family stronghold of Karhal, promises 22 lakh IT jobs for youth
- Amit Shah begins door-to-door campaigning from Kairana, where there was an alleged exodus of Hindus before 2017. Meanwhile, the JD(U) decides to go solo in UP

EXPRESS READ

Global crypto market suffers $1-trillion loss

New Delhi: Bitcoin as well as other digital cryptocurrencies crashed to their lowest level on Saturday, with the continuing meltdown wiping out over $1 trillion from the global crypto market value. Bitcoin was hovering at $35,000 per coin and the largest digital asset by market value has lost more than 40 per cent since reaching its peak in November 2021. P12

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DEVIL IN THE DETAILS

With the BCCI closing the registration for IPL 2022, a look at some of the key points about the upcoming mega auction

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RETAINED /DRAFTED
With the existing eight teams retaining 27 players, and the two new teams drafting three each, as many as 1,214 players have expressed an interest in taking part in the auctions

₹72 cr
Punjab Kings is the team to retain the least number of players, two, and will go into the auction with ₹72 crore in their purse

318
As many as 318 overseas players have registered for the auction, with the highest of 59 players from Australia, followed by South Africa (48) and West Indies (41). A maximum of 60 overseas players could get picked in the auction, with 10 already retained and drafted by the teams

BIG NAMES

David Warner, R Ashwin, Kagiso Rabada, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan, Quinton de Kock, Faf du Plessis, Dwayne Bravo, Trent Boult and Pat Cummins are top draws

MISSING OUT

Ben Stokes, Chris Gayle, Jofra Archer, Chris Woakes, Mitchell Starc and Sam Curran are among the overseas stars who have opted out citing various reasons P13

CM will meet Oppn leaders to discuss water issues with TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said he will hold an all-party meeting in the first week of February to discuss with Opposition leaders the water disputes with Tamil Nadu.

After holding a virtual meeting with his cabinet colleagues, experts and senior counsel representing the state on inter-state river disputes, Bommai said the Karnataka government has already raised objection to the second phase of Hogenakkal drinking water project and inter-linking of rivers by Tamil Nadu.

"We have already filed petitions before the Supreme Court against Tamil Nadu's projects and appealed to the Central Water Commission not to approve them. We are putting up a strong legal fight," he said.

The meeting on Saturday discussed cases related to Krishna and Cauvery river basins and Mahadayi project. Another meeting will be held by January-end to discuss these issues further, he said. "We will discuss water dispute cases with water resources and law ministers. We will decide on measures to be taken to implement projects in the interest of the state. We will formulate our stand after the all-party meeting in February," he added.

Saturday's meeting was attended by Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy, Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar, Advocate-General Prabhuling Navadagi, senior advocates Shyam Diwan and Mohan Kataraki.

NO HIKE IN MILK PRICE, POWER, WATER TARIFFS

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai clarified that the government does not have any proposal to increase water and power tariffs and milk prices as demanded by the departments concerned and Karnataka Milk Federation.

Smoke billows out from the 18th floor of Kamla Building on Saturday | PTI

Inferno kills six in Mumbai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE early morning calm at Tardeo in central Mumbai was shattered around 7 am following a massive fire at an upscale 20-storey building that left six people dead and 29 injured on Saturday.

According to fire brigade officials, a fault in the air-conditioning unit of a flat caused the blaze, which quickly engulfed the 18th floor of Kamala Building, perhaps due to the strong sea breeze. Thirteen fire engines and seven jumbo tankers had to be rushed to douse the fire.

Residents of the building said they heard a loud sound followed by black smoke and recalled a frenzy among them to get to safety. "We heard a big noise and rushed outside. There was smoke coming out of some floors above us. We immediately rushed downstairs and came into the open area," a resident said.

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120 forest staffers start tiger census at Bandipur

BOSKY KHANNA
@Bandipur Tiger Reserve

IT was an experience like no other for the staffers of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, who kickstarted the most-sought-after tiger census, a day ahead of the schedule on Saturday.

The staff was jittery initially despite undergoing training for a month, as all the data has to be uploaded on the M-stripe app and two of their colleagues have tested positive for Covid.

"Our morale is not down, and nothing can beat our spirit. We have waited all this while for the census. As Covid cases are rising, we had decided not to take any volunteers this time for their and our own safety," said a forester.

On the first day, 120 staffers started the exercise from 6 am and foot patrolled 37 beats, covering five ranges. Even as no carnivores were sighted directly, they sighted elephant and gaur herds.

The population of herbivores has improved and it's a sign that the prey base is good in the reserve. This is a crucial part of the line survey and direct sign survey assessment, which is being held till February 7, Chief Conservator of Forests BTR Karikalan said. P5

JAB-O-METER: TAKE YOUR SHOT
January 21: 58,37,209 doses
January 22: 61,62,171 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 1,61,81,65,913

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NUMBER OF TESTS DONE BY K'TAKA

State stands third highest in the country with 6,01,14,815 Covid-19 tests, both Rapid Antigen and RT-PCR, conducted as on Saturday | P3

NATIONWIDE	JAN 21	JAN 22
Fresh cases	3,47,254	3,37,704
Recoveries	2,51,777	2,42,676
Deaths	703	488

KARNATAKA	JAN 21	JAN 22
Fresh cases	48,049	42,470
Recoveries	18,115	35,140
Deaths	22	26

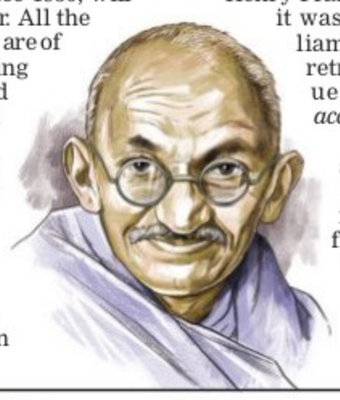
GANDHI'S FAVOURITE HYMN

'Abide with me' dropped from Beating Retreat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE hymn *Abide with me*, which endeared itself to Mahatma Gandhi and has been a part of the Beating Retreat ceremony since 1950, will not be played this year. All the tunes in this year's list are of Indian origin, according to a brochure released by the Army on Saturday.

Abide with me has been replaced by the popular patriotic song *Ae mere watan ke logon*, written by Kavi Pradeep to commemorate the sacrifices made by Indian soldiers in the 1962 India-China war. In 2020 too, there were reports that the tune would be dropped but no such decision was taken.



The soothing hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte in 1861 and it was set to tune by William Henry Monk. The retreat tune will continue to be *Sare jahan se accha*.

Twitterati reacted sharply to the news. "Gandhi ji's favourite hymn dropped from Beating Retreat. There is no end to the hate," said one. "New India, No Amar Jyothi, no Abide With Me during the Beating Retreat. Sicko's BJP," Congress leader Ajoy Kumar tweeted.

The move to drop the hymn comes days after the decision to merge the Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate with the eternal flame of the National War Memorial.

A total of 44 buglers, 16 trumpeters and 75 drummers from six bands of the Army, Navy, Air Force and central armed police forces will be performing at this year's ceremony.

Beating Retreat is a centuries-old military tradition of troops disengaging from battle at sunset. As soon as the buglers sounded the retreat, the troops ceased fighting, sheathed their arms and withdrew from the battlefield.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Re-Opening of
MODERNIZED GOVT. FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL, JAKKUR
Declaration of 75 Nethaji Amrutha Schools
on the eve of 125th Birthday of Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose
Dr. K.C.Narayana Gowda, Hon'ble Minister for Sericulture, Youth Empowerment and Sports participating in State Level 'Yuvajanotsava' Programme.
Inspection of Runway Works
Inauguration of Helitourism and other Infrastructure works at Jakkur
Training of 75 Pilots
Unveiling of GFTS Logo
Inauguration of Siddhi Sports Training School and Drive for Women's Self-Defense Training
Declaration of Nethaji Amrutha Schools & Inauguration of Modernized Govt. Flying Training School, Jakkur
Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka
Unveiling of Twin Engine Flight:
Sri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics & Information Technology of India
Inauguration of Helipad, Launge and Other Infrastructures:
Sri R. Ashok
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue
Unveiling of GFTS Logo
Dr. K.C. Narayana Gowda
Hon'ble Minister for Sericulture, Youth Empowerment and Sports
Inauguration of Training of 75 Pilots:
Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT BT and Science & Technology, Skill Development
Inauguration of Women's Self-Defense Training:
Sri Araga Jnanendra
Hon'ble Minister for Home
Inauguration of Siddhi Sports Training School:
Sri B.C. Nagesh
Hon'ble Minister for Primary-Secondary Education and Sakala
Inauguration of Helitourism:
Sri Anand Singh
Hon'ble Minister for Tourism
Presided by:
Sri Krishna Byregowda
Hon'ble MLA, Byatarayanapura Constituency
Date: 23-01-2022, 4.00 p.m.
Venue : Govt. Flying Training School Premises, Jakkur
All Hon'ble Ministers and All Hon'ble MLAs & MLCs of Bangalore Urban Jurisdiction
Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna, IAS
Commissioner, Dept. of Youth Empowerment & Sports
Dr. Shalini Rajanish IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. Dept. of Youth Empowerment & Sports
As is enshrined in our Constitution, "to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture" - is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Sunday : 23/01/2022 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayana
• Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Pushya • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 7.02 am
• Nakshatra: Uttttharaphalguni 9.26 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pmm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.46 am
Sunset 6.16 pm
Moonrise 10.53 pm
Moonset 10.31 am

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Two youths of Saligrama in Udupi have introduced kayaking in the backwaters of Sita River amid mangroves, providing an unforgettable experience to tourists

On a kayak in the middle of nature

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

WHEN one plans a trip to Udupi, the itinerary will be full of visits to ancient temples, picturesque beaches and hills that are the best to describe the district that is sandwiched between the lush green Western Ghats and the teal blue Arabian Sea.

But now, kayaking amid thick mangroves is the latest attraction to those visiting Udupi. Courtesy: Mithun and Lokesh, two passionate youth from Saligrama -- a tiny nondescript village in the district, who have introduced kayaking in the backwaters of the Sita River making it possible for nature lovers to wind through unexplored mangrove forests, which till recently remained out of bounds for the outside world.

Mithun (28) was working at a private firm in Bengaluru, but was always inclined towards doing something in the field of tourism, and ta-da, he came up with the concept of kayaking in his hometown of Saligrama.

He and his friend Lokesh — now his business partner — invested Rs 7 lakh and procured eight kayaks and the story of 'Sails and More Adventures' began a few months ago. Kayak is a small watercraft which is propelled by a double-bladed paddle.

A 5-km ride of under two hours along Sita River showcases Udupi's blessed abundant backwaters and mangroves. "I always felt that there was a sea of opportunities for eco-tourism in Udupi district. What better place than the mangroves of Saligrama for kayaking. I have heard many people say that they enjoy the backwaters of neighbouring Kerala. But our very own backwaters in Udupi are no less. They are equally beautiful," Mithin says with a sense of pride.

Earlier, only locals and tourists from neighbouring villages came here for kayaking. But now, without any large-scale advertising and merely through the word of mouth, tourists from Mangaluru, Manipal and even far-off places like Bengaluru flock to Saligrama to experience kayaking.

Either Mithun or Lokesh, or at times both, accompany the tourists, who are provided with life-jackets for safety.

"Those who have never done kayaking can also come here and learn the basics through our 10-minute training. They can get into a kayak immediately after," Mithun says.

In one part of the stretch, the mangroves are so thick that even the sunlight does not penetrate through. The two assure tourists that the entire ride is safe as the route was chosen after much navigation work by the duo. Also, the stretch is not too deep, making it safe for tourists. If one is tired of paddling their kayak, they can rest for a while and observe nature at its best as a whole lot of birds and marine life thrive in the backwaters. Kayaking starts at 7 am every day and goes on till 7 pm. However, if there is a low tide, kayaks may not be able to move inside the deep thick mangrove forest stretches. Tourists seem to love it. Gurudath, a manager at Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd, Mangaluru, who came here for kayaking, told The New Sunday Express that the stretch of mangrove forests in Saligrama is thick and unique in many ways. "Watching the roots of the mangroves by sailing close to them on a kayak is a wonderful experience. Nobody would have thought earlier that kayaking could be organised so well on our own coast. Mithun and Lokesh deserve special appreciation," he said.

Priyanka, a wellness coach from Bengaluru, said the time spent kayaking in Saligrama will be etched in her memory forever. "I will visit this place again...very soon," she added.

For a two-hour ride, the organisers charge Rs 300 per adult and each kayak can accommodate two people.

Many travel bloggers have also started arriving at this kayaking point, located just 2.5 km west of NH 66 in Saligrama. For more details, dial Mithun on 7259277799 and Lokesh on 9845943030.

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SUCCOUR OF HOME

This ashram in Madikeri offers shelter to destitute women, and unites those who are deserted by their families

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

SOLACE to the distressed, neglected and the homeless – this resonates as a synonym of Thanal Ashram in Madikeri. Established in April 2017, Thanal Ashram has provided shelter and been a home to many women, including a few who now live happily with their families.

Located amid the chaos of bad roads and routine buzz of the normal world, Thanal is a symbol of tranquillity. Smiling faces and sweet greetings welcome one into the building, currently home to 24 women. Most of them are homeless, and a few others made the ashram their home, after being deserted by their families.

"A 96-year-old woman who was found on the road, was brought to Thanal. The first thing we do is give them a bath. The woman was unclean but refused to take a bath till she was fed. When we gave her food, she ate her fill. This is when I realised that we first need to cater to their hunger," shared Shashikala B K, an employee of the ashram.

She narrated stories about many women who were, and are, being nurtured at Thanal. "An old woman, Parvathy, was brought to the ashram from the District Hospital in Madikeri. After she was admitted to hospital, no family member came to take her back. She had cancer and she passed on in a few months, after living at the ashram," she said.

Parvathy was from the Kodava community. "In order to perform the final rites as per Parvathy's religion, we contacted people from the Makkada Koota and Kodava Samaj. The members took Parvathy's body for cremation, as per Kodava rituals," explained Mohammed Musthafa, the head of Thanal in Madikeri. "Parvathy had no family, but there were many people from the surrounding areas who attended her funeral and bid her goodbye," recalls Shashikala.

The head office of Thanal is based in Kerala, and is founded by Dr Idris, who is also chairman of the charitable trust. In Madikeri, the trust is run by Daya Rehabilitation Trust, headed by Musthafa. "No one who has a family should stay homeless on the roads. While we shelter the homeless, we look forward to reuniting them with their families," says Musthafa.

He narrated the stories of Muthulakshmi, Jalavathi and others who were reunited with their families after many years of separation. "Jalavathi is from Uttar Pradesh. She got lost on a train and somehow ended up in Madikeri. She couldn't speak proper Hindi and didn't know her address. Her son's number was traced by Thanal and she was reunited with her family after two years," says Musthafa.

Like Jalavathi, Muthulakshmi was found in a pitiable state near the Madikeri Bus Depot. Two of her toes had fallen off and her legs were rotting due to myiasis (infection caused by maggots). She was treated for her infection and mental illness. "During the course of her treatment, she recalled the name of her village. There are many villages by that name and we visited several before we finally traced her village in Tamil Nadu. She was reunited with her family after seven years. No one must stay orphaned if they have a family and Thanal strongly believes in this," said Mohammed.

However, a few women who have been abandoned by relatives, swear to spend their last days in the comfort provided by Thanal.

This destitute home has sheltered over 80 women in the past three years and has united at least eight families. In case of death, the rituals of the deceased's community are followed during the last rites. "This is not a home for people from any particular caste or community. This is a home for humans," shared Musthafa. The ashram is run by the trust, and with support from the main branch of Thanal. However, it is in need of more funds and benefactors who recognise their social work.

Reach out to Thanal Ashram on 9844558896.

Staffers of Thanal Ashram – Chandrakala, Savitha HR, Girija KA, Rasya KN, Shashikala BK and Mohammed Musthafa | EXPRESS

THANAL ASHRAM
Established in Madikeri in April 2017 to provide a home to distressed and homeless women. It has since become a home to many.

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The Thanal Ashram in Madikeri | EXPRESS

Challaghatta Metro station to be ready by August

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Challaghatta Metro station, nearly 2 km from Kengeri Metro station, will be ready for operations only by August this year. At the time of the commencement of the extended Purple Line between Mysuru Road and Kengeri, the Challaghatta station was expected to be ready by March 2022.

Senior Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials told The New Indian Express that 90 per cent of the structural work on this elevated station is complete. "A total of 70 spans have been erected along this stretch and roof structure works are on. It will be completed by March-end. Finishing works like laying of granite on the floor, painting and other external work will start in the first week of February and will be ready by July this year," said a senior official. The welding work to join the rails has been completed and plinths are being laid, the offici said. "A total of 1,750 m of rail needs to be laid, followed by placing fixtures around the rails. The third rail for power supply will be done later," the official added.

On August 29 last year, the Baiyappanahalli-Mysuru Road line expanded its operations by an additional 7.5 km up to Kengeri.

Asked about the reasons for the delay, an official said, "The biggest challenge was the construction of a span for 56 m above NICE Road which was a complicated task. The second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and the huge labour shortage it created slowed down the work enormously. The third wave is having some impact too as many workers are on leave and are taking rest due to health issues."

The Challaghatta Metro station is coming up nearly 2 km away from the Kengeri station

There were land acquisition issues with a small temple coming in the way of the construction. "We finally had to demolish it to complete our work here. While physical work will be in place by July, the inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety and approval could take some time. So, by the end of August, we will be in a position to operate trains here," the official added.

The Bangalore Development Authority's Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is also in the vicinity. "An underpass is being proposed so that connectivity will be established from Challaghatta station to the layout. It will be done jointly by BMRCL and the National Highways Authority of India. However, it looks unlikely to be in place at the time of opening of the line," an official said.

CM TO REOPEN JAKKUR FLYING SCHOOL TODAY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER a gap of four years, the Government Flying Training School (GFTS) at the Jakkur Aerodrome is all set to reopen, with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurating it on Sunday. The classes, meanwhile, are expected to commence from the next week.

A release from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports said that renovation and other development work at the school had stopped four years ago. However, during one of his first visits after taking charge as the Sports and Youth Empowerment Minister, KC Narayana Gowda, directed officials to have the school reopened and pilot training courses restarted. At present, 35 candidates have applied for the course.

The release also said that a newer 874-metre runway, developed at a cost of Rs 2 crore, will also be inaugurated. Currently, five single-engine aircraft are available, while some twin-engine planes have been purchased at a cost of Rs 5 crore, to be used for the courses.

Set up in 1950, the GFTS is one of the oldest flying schools in the country. The state-owned centre offers tenured programmes to aspirants seeking Commercial Pilot Licence and Private Pilot Licence.

Along with the school, the CM will also launch heli tourism, a lounge and other amenities, which have seen investments to the tune of Rs 10 crore. Bommai will also announce 75 Netaji Amrutha NCC schools to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In a press statement, Narayana Gowda blamed some vested interests behind stoppage of the flying school, which could otherwise generate considerable income for the government. The government aims to train 100 pilots every year.

City girl starts campaign for newborn screening programme

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

A Bengaluru girl has started a campaign for a nationwide newborn screening (NBS) programme, on the lines of similar initiatives in the United Kingdom, Denmark and China.

Shreya Thota, a 16-year-old studying at the International School Bengaluru, started a petition to appeal to the Ministry of Health to implement the programme to potentially improve and save the lives of around 2.5 lakh children in India every year.

"Only around 2 per cent of children are privately screened in India. Kerala, for example, has consistently had one of the lowest child mortality rates and they have implemented a statewide NBS programme. If it's feasible for one state, it has to be feasible in the country as a whole," she said. She said it isn't too farfetched for India to implement such a programme.

"The goal of the petition is both to approach the ministry to implement the programme as well as spread awareness, especially for new parents, to let them know that screening their children is possible and it can prevent a number of genetic disorders," she said. The petition, hosted on change.org, has over 3,700 signatures so far. Shreya said that once the petition collects 5,000 signatures, she would try and approach the ministry, as well as raise awareness on the issue on social media.

"While I'm not an expert, I think it would be beneficial if a task force is formed, specifically to find out how to implement such a programme," she added.

NBS programmes have been used worldwide to screen newborns for preventable and treatable diseases. Shreya gives an example of phenylketonuria, an inherited disorder that increases a certain amino acid in the blood and can potentially lead to severe brain damage, intellectual disabilities and even seizures. "But with an NBS programme, it's possible to screen for such disorders and ensure that proper treatment, like a low protein diet, can be implemented immediately," she said.

Dakshina Kannada recorded 795 new cases of Covid-19 and three deaths on Saturday. With this, the test positivity rate stands at 8.82%.At present, there are 5,700 active cases in the district. Meanwhile, the district declared four new containment zones.

K'taka conducts 6 cr Covid tests, stands third in country

Health Minister congratulates health workers for 4.2 cr tests in 2021

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AS on Saturday, Karnataka completed over six crore Covid tests across the state, the third highest in the country.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar congratulated healthcare workers and district officials for achieving the milestone, saying, "Testing plays a vital role in this battle against the pandemic. Karnataka has always been aggressive in testing and tracking, and it has been one of our cornerstones in this fight against Covid."

Karnataka has completed 6,01,14,815 tests, both Rapid Antigen and RT-PCR, through its 99 government and 169 private testing facilities. As the state improved infrastructure to fight the pandemic, almost four times the number of tests were conducted in 2021 as compared to 2020. The number of samples taken in 2020 was over 1.4 crore, while in 2021, it increased to 4.2 crore. Since the beginning of the year till Saturday, over 35 lakh tests have been conducted.

Several measures have been taken to conduct tests evenly across the state, including a daily testing target of two lakhs, door-to-door testing by ASHA workers in rural areas and targeted testing of symptomatic patients and their primary contacts.

According to the Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Departments, a mandate has been set to test at least 2 per cent of children. Between December 1, 2021 and January 20, 2022, 29 per cent of all the tests conducted were targeted at children.

SALE OF SELF-TEST KITS TO BE MONITORED

Bengaluru: Worried about Covid-19 cases going unreported, the state has asked district authorities and medical store owners to monitor the sale of at-home test kits and has mandated them to note down people's addresses and contact numbers. Those using the kits have also been urged to bring it to the notice of the authorities if they test positive for Covid-19. A circular issued by the Drug Controller of Karnataka has mandated all drug enforcement officers to collect weekly reports on distribution of RT-PCR, RAT and Home Safe kits. It has also made it mandatory for chemists to note down customer's name, address and contact number before issuing the kit and to advise them on using the kit as per the instructions on the CoWin app. Those testing positive should be instructed to inform the nearest government hospital or doctor if their home test turns positive. The drug controller said that distributors and chemists should send out a sales report of the kits to the drug control head office every day at 6 pm.

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 319 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today:**42,470** Yesterday:**48,049**

TALLY
Today: **34,67,472**
Yesterday: **34,25,002**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **26**	Today: **35,140**
Yesterday: **22**	Yesterday: **18,115**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **3,30,447**
Yesterday: **3,23,143**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.74%**	Today: **1.11%**
Yesterday: **5.69%**	Yesterday: **1.12%**

RECOVERY RATE
Today: **89.35%**
Yesterday: **89.43%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**17,266**
Bengaluru Rural	**958**
Bagalkot	42
Ballari	845
Belagavi	405
Bidar	138
Chamarajanagar	397
Chikkaballapur	892
Chikkamagaluru	166
Chitradurga	622
Dakshina Kannada	795
Davanagere	645
Dharwad	790
Gadag	306
Hassan	2,679
Haveri	124
Kalaburagi	665
Kodagu	653
Kolar	1,417
Koppal	138
Mandya	1,822
Mysuru	4,601
Raichur	236
Ramanagara	506
Shivamogga	474
Tumakuru	3,417
Udupi	877
Uttara Kannada	390
Vijayapura	125
Yadgir	79

BACK TO OLD WAYS!

Footfall on Avenue road have increased after the State Government lifted the weekend curfew | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Mysuru DC orders reopening of schools from tomorrow

Mysuru: Nearly 10 days after Deputy Commissioner Dr Bagadi Gautham ordered closure of schools following spike in coronavirus cases, a fresh order has been issued directing to reopen schools from Monday by adhering to Covid-19 norms. The order comes in the backdrop of Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh's instruction on reopening of schools across all the district except those in Bengaluru. With the new order, all government, aided, unaided, private and residential schools can reopen. The DC has instructed education officials to monitor the situation in schools regularly.

State sees 35,140 discharges in a day

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KARNATAKA on Saturday saw the highest number of Covid discharges so far in the third wave, with 35,140 patients discharged in a single day on Saturday.

This is the highest after the state witnessed 44,473 patients discharged on May 31, 2021 when the state was going through the second wave of the pandemic.

Of these discharges, Bengaluru alone contributed 22,511, which, in turn, saw the state capital's recovery rate go up for the first time since December 13, 2021, when it was 98.26 per cent.

After that day, Bengaluru's recovery rate has been constantly on the slide until Friday when the recovery rate was reported to be 84.43 per cent, which went up to 84.94 per cent on Saturday.

The huge number of Covid-19 cases adding to the tally day after day had forced the recovery rate on a downward slide over the last one month. Bengaluru also recorded a dip in its active cases from 2,23,580 to 2,18,329 cases on Saturday, recording a fall of 2.34 per cent. The city last saw a fall in its number of active cases on December 20, when the number was just 5,658.

Representative picture

The state capital added one lakh active cases in a period of just six days, indicating the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant.

The variant is suspected to be spreading the infection at a much faster rate among the population.

GUIDELINE

Covid-hit to get jabs three months after recovery

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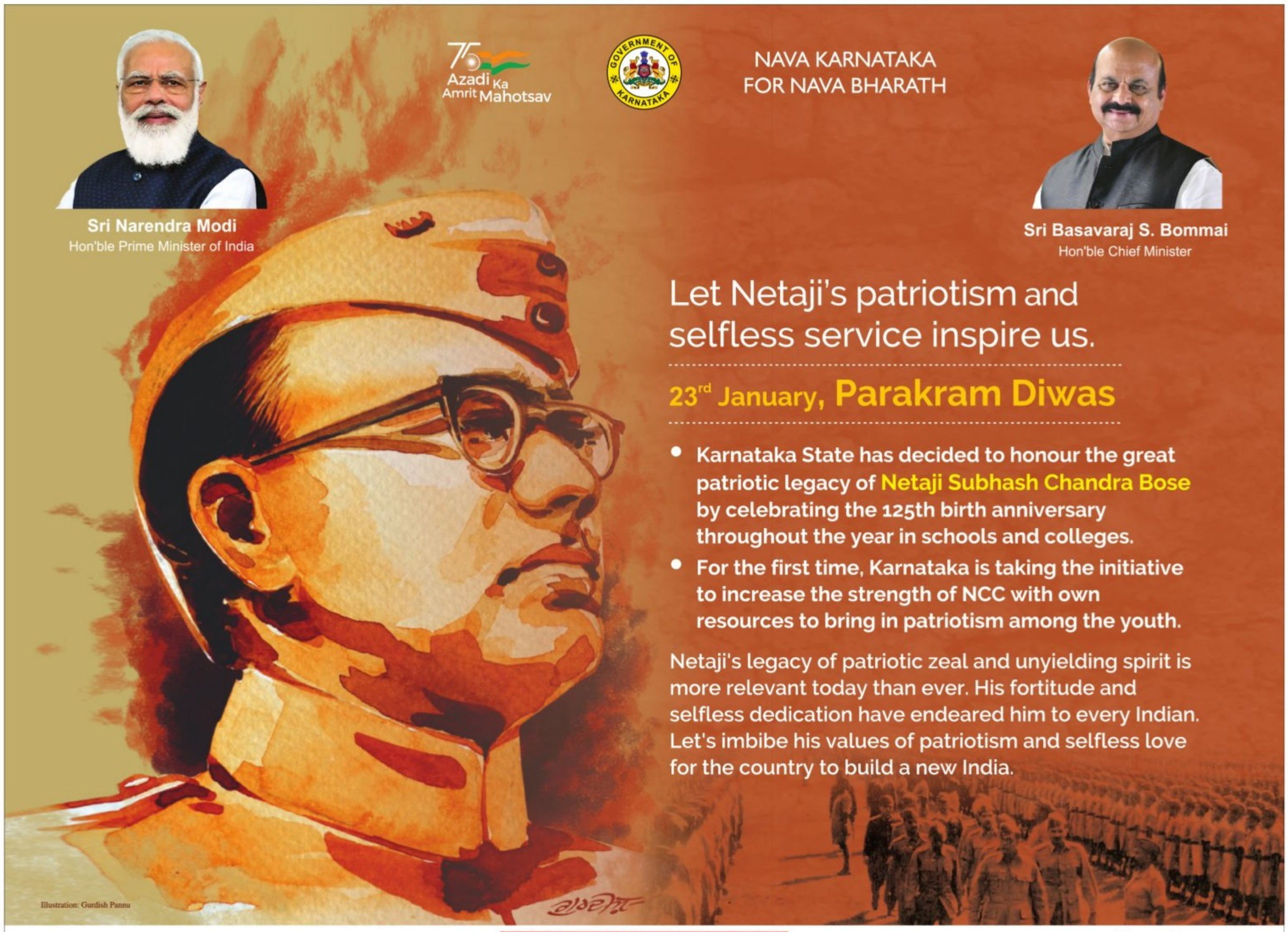
HEALTH and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Saturday announced that those who had been afflicted with Covid-19 are to be vaccinated only after three months of recovery. The advisory was issued as part of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVAC), formed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The minister said the advisory applies to those who are eligible for their second and precautionary doses of the vaccine. The Health Department also clarified that the guidelines issued by NEGVAC also applies to front line as well as healthcare workers, and also beneficiaries over 60 years of age.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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARATH
Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Let Netaji's patriotism and selfless service inspire us.
23rd January, Parakram Diwas
Karnataka State has decided to honour the great patriotic legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by celebrating the 125th birth anniversary throughout the year in schools and colleges.
For the first time, Karnataka is taking the initiative to increase the strength of NCC with own resources to bring in patriotism among the youth.
Netaji's legacy of patriotic zeal and unyielding spirit is more relevant today than ever. His fortitude and selfless dedication have endeared him to every Indian. Let's imbibe his values of patriotism and selfless love for the country to build a new India.
Illustration: Gurdish Pannu
As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask
6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing
Maintain Hand Hygiene
karnataka information
Department of Information and Public Relations

Despite Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai ruling out a hike in power or water tariffs, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board, which has power dues of Rs 4,000 crore is likely to push for it, according to officials

JOBLESSNESS, UNDEREMPLOYMENT ADD TO STATE'S PANDEMIC BURDEN

BIG PICTURE

TEAM TNIE

UNEMPLOYMENT and under-employment are the two main problems on the job front that Karnataka is staring at. Both have the potential to create social chaos down the line, tending towards criminal and illegal activities, and the problem is likely to be much larger than we know.

Karnataka's unemployment rate – the percentage of unemployed individuals in an economy among individuals currently in the labour force – has been pegged at 1.44 per cent in December 2021, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). Unfortunately, under-employment is not estimated, although with a potential to deliver equally adverse effects on society.

According to the updated data of Karnataka's Department of Employment & Training (June 2020), the state, with a total population of 6.61 crore, had a total employed workforce of 24,11,920 people in the organised sector —10,30,380 (42.72%) in the public sector and 13,81,540 (57.28%) in the private sector. This is besides the huge unorganised sector, which is not estimated.

The fallout of unemployment/underemployment can be devastating on the minds of the youth, more so through a pandemic which plays out as a factor to deliver a cascading impact on the industry, resulting in unwanted outcomes like job losses, salary cuts leading to disillusionment among employees, depression and anxieties.

Although the state is nowhere close to the top of the unemployment rate rankings in India – which is topped by Haryana – the worrisome fact is that the state witnessed 553 suicides due to unemployment, the highest in India, according to the last updated National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2019. The state had reported 224, 375, and 464 cases in 2016, 2017, and 2018, respectively – a steady increase despite a low unemployment rate.

While many youths rendered unemployed settle for underemployment (jobs not matching qualification or skill levels), there are those eyeing quick bucks through crime and illegal activities – a major fallout of unemployment/underemployment. Retired principal of the Dr Ambedkar Degree College, Kalaburagi, and writer Basavaraj Kumnoor, "The unemployed are indulging in illegal and unhealthy activities for earning money, which has increased crime in the region." Kumnoor hails from the Kalyana Karnataka region which has a 12 per cent unemployment rate.

Unemployment is so serious in Kalyana Karnataka that an MA/BEd graduate, Erannagouda, who was a guest lecturer earning Rs 12,000 per month in Kalaburagi, has ended up looking after sheep at Huli Gudda village of Devadurga taluk in Raichur district.

Rudranna Gulguli, an entrepreneur from Gadag, says, "An MA/BEd graduate who worked as teacher in Bengaluru is still trying for a teacher's post. A BCom graduate, who has completed a certificate course in accountancy, has no job. There are many people in Gadag and surrounding areas who have degrees, but no job opportunities."

Interestingly, there are 30,000 vacancies in different government departments in the entire Kalyana Karnataka Region, which comprises seven districts of Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Kalaburagi, Ballari and Vijayanagara. Explaining the employment situation in Dharwad, Sadan Kumar who completed his post-graduation along with a diploma course in foreign language and is now running a photocopying shop due to lack of job opportunities, says he had given interviews at several companies and a majority of them rejected him citing him to be a fresher while a few others rejected him over salary issues.

Dharwad-based social activist Shrishailgouda Kamtar says, "Unemployment has been an unaddressed problem in the region. After Covid-19's first and second waves, the condition has worsened and 70 per cent of the graduates are not satisfied with the jobs they are in."

Dissatisfaction with the job in hand too has remained one of the main reasons for unemployment among youths, especially after the pandemic-driven change in job dynamics and finances started having an impact on the minds of the youths.

Retired principal Kumnoor says the solution lies in streamlining and making self-employment schemes more efficient and attractive. "The only solution for this problem is to see that the government programmes reach the needy, and there should be a check on the programmes."

He says without that, the youth easily slip into unemployment and take to wayward lives.

"It increases poverty, decreases production and consumption. Beneficiaries of self-employment schemes should be selected on merit and there should be no corruption, no influence and no middlemen in the selection process. Incentives should be given to successful candidates," he says.

Charan Kumar, a former textile entrepreneur from Davanagere, says, "We need to re-invent ways of starting new business enterprises in the garments industry. This helps generate good employment and provide employment to the labour force at the doorstep. The governments should provide tax benefits to companies coming up with new employment ideas."

According to Arya Vysya Mandali, Kolar, General Secretary G S Karthick, compared to Master's degree holders and graduates, skilled labourers get jobs easily in Bengaluru. For example, if one welder joins a factory, he gives contact addresses to his batchmates who also get jobs in the same factory, outlets and other units. This is not feasible for graduates as vacancies are very few for them.

(With inputs from Ashwini M Sripad in Bengaluru; Pramodkumar Vaidya in Dharwad; Ramkrishna Badseshi in Kalaburagi; Raghottam Koppar in Gadag; G Subhash Chandra in Davanagere and Chitradurga; and V Velayudham in Kolar)

Prof SR Keshav, Professor in Economics, Bangalore University

Covid-19 has increased unemployment and a host of economic problems. Those who lost jobs during the pandemic are in danger of losing those jobs permanently, more so in the service sector. There is a massive increase in unemployment in the unorganised or informal sector. Due to the frequent occurrence and prediction of future waves of Covid-19, many investors and some existing MSMEs are following a wait-and-watch approach, which has accelerated the pace of unemployment.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'More than Covid-19, cost of inputs affecting industries'

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

EVEN after relaxation in lockdown restrictions last year, the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) found it difficult to continue operations and many of them are on the verge of closure. Along with the pandemic, hike in prices of raw materials has hurt them. In an exclusive interview, **I S Prasad**, president, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI), speaks about the problems faced by the industries, the solution, and their expectations from the State and Central Governments in the upcoming budgets. He has appealed to the state and Union governments to provide interest-free loans and one-time tax waiver to help industries bounce back, which will ultimately improve the state economy, too. Excerpts:

How has Covid affected industry in the state?
Most industries in Bengaluru employed migrant workers – from within and from outside the state. During the first and second waves of the Covid-19 pandemic, fear forced them to return to their hometowns. After the cases came down, most of them returned. However, the government did not impose any restrictions on industries during the second or third wave and they remained functional.

Then what hit the industry?
More than the pandemic, many other issues, mainly the hike in prices of raw materials, affected the industry. If the pandemic affected the industry 15 per cent, up to 85 per cent was the impact of the raw material price hike. Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have faced many issues. The SME sector even staged protests across the country opposing the price hike of raw materials.

Which sectors have particularly taken a hit?
Industries were allowed to work. The IT industry allowed their employees to work from home. But hotels and the hospitality industry were particularly hit due to restrictions being imposed. Even now, the night curfew continues, which means this industry will continue to get impacted as they have to wind up much before time.

The cost of raw material including steel, copper and other materials keeps changing between morning and evening. There needs to be some cap on it

I S Prasad, president, FKCCI

Experts say we need to live with the virus. How can industries sustain productivity and profitability even as we live with the virus?
Covid clusters among industries are very less in the state. This is because industries know they have to survive. They ensure that their employees follow all the Covid-appropriate behaviour like maintaining social distance, wearing masks while working, maintaining hygiene. They have and are taking all the measures. Also, all our employees are over 18 years of age and are vaccinated.

How can the government help industries? What are your suggestions to the government, given this scenario?
The government should give subsidies, interest-free loans and waive taxes and power bills for some time, which will help industries recover losses to some extent and allow them to bounce back. It will have a beneficial effect on the economy too. We have asked both the State and Union Governments to support us in this regard.

One of the unpleasant outcomes of the restrictions was the firing of employees to cut costs. What can be done to ensure the well-being of the human resources, which is so crucial to industrial productivity and progress?
When industries do not make profits, or generate work orders, it translates into adverse impacts like cost cutting and removal of employees. Ours is the only sector (industrial) to provide work to people even if they have not gone to school or college. We train on the job. We also pay the state government in terms of tax. The government should also help by supporting us, which will ultimately help us in avoiding such unpleasant decisions that we were forced to take.

What else, other than the pandemic, is ailing the economy?
The cost of raw material including steel, copper and other materials keeps changing between morning and evening. There needs to be some cap on it. The State Government should open a portal and provide raw material to industries at better prices that will help keep production costs within limits.

What kind of push are you looking for in the upcoming budget?
The State Government should do a survey on industries. Not all need government help. But industries that need government support should be given interest-free loans, working capital, and other subsidies. We have appealed to CM Basavaraj Bommai as well as Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. If timely support is given now, in a year's time, we will bounce back.

Deve Gowda asymptomatic, hospitalised

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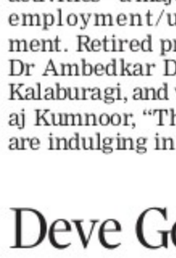
FORMER Prime Minister **H D Deve Gowda** has tested positive for Covid-19, but is asymptomatic. The 88-year-old JDS patriarch has been admitted to Manipal Hospital as a precautionary measure, party leaders said.

Gowda's wife Chennamma tested negative for coronavirus and is at home. A health bulletin from Manipal Hospital said Gowda was admitted on Friday and has been clinically stable since then.



"His vital parameters are within normal limits and he has been responding to treatment. He is comfortable and attending to his activities from his room. He continues to be closely monitored by our specialists," the hospital said. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai wished Gowda a speedy recovery.

"I wish former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda a speedy recovery from coronavirus infection and to continue his work as usual," Bommai tweeted. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said he is in touch with the doctors treating the former PM and getting updates about his health. Dozens of JDS leaders, including senior party leaders like Bandeppa Kashempur, took to social media wishing Deve Gowda a speedy recovery.

PANCHAMASALI 3RD PEETA

Don't dent our unity, seer warns politicos

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ALLEGING that 'some' political leaders in the state were working towards building a third *peeta* for the Panchamasali community, seer **Jaya Mrityunjaya Swamji** on Saturday warned them, saying, "Building a *peeta* in each village or town is okay, but don't work towards destroying the unity of the community."

The seer said that while leaders such as Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Vijayanand Kashappanavar worked hard to get 2A reservation, other prominent politicians had not helped.

Some leaders already seem worried with the community getting '2A' reservation, and Yatnal, Kashappannavar and the seer being appreciated for it, he claimed.

'Anyone can be leader'

"When there was an opportunity for change of leadership, a politician came to me and suggested that I propose his name, and I responded that anyone from the community can be made a leader... I meant anyone of the three community leaders – Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, Murugesh Nirani or Arvind Bellad. But because one man couldn't get the Chief Minister's post, he has been upset with me," Jaya Mrityunjaya Swamji hinted, citing this as a reason to plan a third *peeta*.

Is lifting curfew a political decision, asks Reddy

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FORMER minister and KPCC working president **R Ramalinga Reddy** on Saturday questioned the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government whether its decision to lift the weekend curfew was politically motivated or one that followed expert opinion.

"If they had taken expert opinion earlier, there was no need to impose curfew in the first place. But now, at a time when Covid-19 cases are surging, with 48,000 fresh cases being reported in the state on Friday alone, the curfew has been relaxed," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, the kin of just 5 per cent of the 37,000 people who succumbed to the pandemic, as per ICMR reports, have been compensated, while a mere 7 per cent of all labourers, drivers, and others, whose livelihoods were affected amidst the lockdowns, and were entitled for a compensation of Rs 2,000-3,000, have received relief from the government, he alleged.

"Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman had announced Rs 20 lakh crore as 'Atmanirbhar' package, but we do not know how many have benefited from it," he sought to know.

BBMP polls in April

Reddy has predicted that the polls to the BBMP would be held in April, and sarcastically attributed the government's decision to 'Keshavakripa'-- the BJP's power centre -- having given its green signal. "The delimitation of the 243 wards have been done to favour the BJP, as the party had faced a debacle in the recently-held ULBs polls," he alleged.

Expedite all water projects: Kannada activists

Pro-Kannada activists Vatal Nagaraj and Sa Ra Govindu protest in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

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AFTER the Congress' recent padayatra for the Mekedaatu balancing reservoir project on January 9, pro-Kannada organisations on Saturday launched an agitation at the Town Hall here, urging the government to expedite several river water projects, including Mekedatu.

Pro-Kannada leaders Vatal Nagaraj, Sa Ra Govindu and others urged the government to expedite the Mahadayi, Mekedatu and other important river water projects. Protesting outside Town Hall, Nagaraj highlighted that several pro-Kannada organisations have been fighting for issues like Mekedatu continuously.

He added that there is no objection from the Supreme Court to take up the Mekedatu project, which needs to be done to serve Karnataka's water and power needs.

Nagaraj also said that Mahadayi is a serious issue concerning the supply of water to many parts of North Karnataka. "Our Parliamentarians will have to take it up with the PM and get these projects implemented," he demanded.

Govindu said, "We will continue to fight for such issues now and in the future."

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT

PM lauds Yadgir administration over implementation of govt schemes

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday appreciated the administration of Yadgir district over its implementation of various government schemes, to fulfill the aim of declaring the latter as one of the most aspirational districts in the country.

The Prime Minister on Saturday virtually interacted with five Deputy Commissioners/ District Magistrates of those districts included under the list of aspirational ones, as per NITI Aayog recommendations. The top officials of these five districts (Yadgir of Karnataka, Simdega of Jharkhand, Ribhoi of Meghalaya, Baramulla of Jammu and Kashmir, and Nandurbar of Maharashtra) were chosen for the interaction, among a list of 112.

During the interaction, which was held between 11 am and 12 pm, Modi reviewed the progress of these five districts in the presence of the NITI Aayog CEO, and CMs and DC/DMs of respective states.

Meanwhile, Yadgir Deputy Commissioner **R Ragapriya**, who made a presentation about the progress made in the district under the Aspirational District Programme, told the PM about the effectiveness of the ADP in achieving good governance. She told the PM that in the field of health, Yadgir has had a persistent problem with anaemia, which was tackled by training all ASHA workers and ANMs in mandatory haemoglobin testing at all PHCs for adolescent women, aged above 13 years, and iron tablets being prescribed to those found anaemic. Under the State Government's Matru Poorna Yojana, pregnant women were provided nutritious meals, which reduced the incidence of low-birth-weight babies, and also in the anganawadis, milk and eggs were given to 293 severe acute malnourished children and 20,000 moderate acute malnourished children, five days a week. This ensured a reduction in malnutrition from 30 per cent to 6 per cent, she revealed.

After her presentation, the PM sought to know from Ragapriya, how the Aspiration District Programme differed from the implementation of other regular schemes, to which she replied that the ADP has resulted in better inter-departmental coordination. Through this method, different departments are able to achieve better delivery of services and outcomes. Satisfied with the presentation, the PM lauded Yadgir district.

A gang of six was arrested by Bengaluru's Byadarahalli police on Friday for kidnapping and threatening a cab driver. The prime accused was in a relationship with the victim's sister and decided to avenge their break-up, police said

Reopen schools in B'luru: Collective to govt

Closure of schools will have catastrophic consequences on children, feels National Coalition on the Education Emergency

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THE National Coalition on the Education Emergency (NCEE) has urged the authorities to reopen schools in Bengaluru immediately in the wake of the Karnataka government lifting the weekend curfew, which was imposed owing to an increase in Covid-19 cases.

"Schools in Bengaluru remain shut while malls, theatres, pubs and restaurants have been kept open. The closure of schools is having catastrophic consequences on children's academic, emotional, nutritional, social and economic fronts. The impact is maximum for younger children, in terms of malnutrition, child abuse, child labour, and school dropout," stated the coalition.

The NCEE is a group of individuals, organisations and networks across the country which have come together to "resume and renew" school education.

"Evidence suggests that young children are least vulnerable to Covid-19. They are more commonly asymptomatic or have mild non-specific symptoms, and fatalities are negligible. In-school transmission of the virus by children or teachers can be controlled by taking public health precautions and isolating and treating cases of infection amongst students and teachers. When this is being done for Classes 10-12, why can't the same be ensured for children of Classes 1-9?" questioned NCEE. "Cases may be more in some areas. Closing schools in the remaining areas is meaningless. Therefore, a cluster approach to close schools wherever cases are more is more scientific. The BBMP and local self-governments need to be empowered to make decentralised decisions," stated the collective.

The NCEE further observed that across the world, schools have been mostly kept open and, in some countries, even through the pandemic. "In India as well, most governments have kept schools open during the current third wave. Evidence from South Africa and Europe confirms that there is no indication that the third wave is targeting children. The head of Indian Council of Medical Research has also emphasised this earlier," the collective added.

The NCEE had earlier shared school opening guidelines and a research brief with the education department, and is ready to provide support in terms of appropriate curricular resources to meet the socio-emotional learning needs of all children.

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Evidence (on Covid-19 and Omicron-driven wave) from South Africa and Europe confirms that there is no indication that the third wave is targeting children

National Coalition on the Education Emergency

Mixed reaction to online classes

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

WITH Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh announcing that schools and colleges will remain shut in Bengaluru till January 29, the decision has evoked mixed responses. The decision comes after Nagesh held a meeting with CM Basavaraj Bommai as well as experts.

Parents are happy with the decision as it ensures the safety of their children. "We welcome the precautionary measures and hope this ensures children are less impacted. We hope that this is extended to the end of the school year," said Mohamed Shakeel, president of the 'Voice of Parents', Karnataka Association.

However, students and teachers differ in their opinions.

"We are not happy about the situation, though it helps that district schools which hold classes online. It would be good if Bengaluru schools could function the same way," said Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, adding that an SOP should be in place in schools to curb Covid spread.

"With rising cases, parents prefer online classes. However, students are a little disappointed as the exams are fast approaching and due to the constant shift, their practical classes are getting affected," said Manjula B, principal of Orchids The International School, BTM Layout.

Kalyan Kumar, Bengaluru district secretary of the All India Democratic Students' Organisation said many students are unable to afford smartphones or laptops for online classes. However, he said that many students, especially those in Classes 10, 11 and 12, were scared of attending offline classes. "It has put undue stress on a lot of students. Studying online, many have not been able to complete portions, especially in government schools, while students attending offline classes are doing so during a pandemic with teachers and lecturers unwell," he told TNSE.

TOUGH TALK

K'taka HC imposes Rs 50K cost on man for filing false plea

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THE Karnataka High Court imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on the father of a minor child for filing a habeas corpus petition, seeking directions to the police to secure the custody of his child.

Directing the petitioner to pay the cost to the Police Welfare Fund, a division bench of Justices B Veerappa and MG Uma observed that he filed the petition despite knowing that the child was safe and healthy with his wife. It is nothing but abuse of the judicial process and an attempt to mislead the police. The petitioner is not entitled to the relief sought in the petition and the petition is liable to be dismissed with costs, the court said.

The petitioner, a 40-year-old from Kadubeesanahalli in the city, and his estranged wife have a girl child, who is in the custody of her mother. He filed the petition before the high court instead of approaching proper and appropriate court, it said.

"It is our experience that this type of frivolous writ petitions in recent days is on the rise. Because it is a habeas corpus writ petition and the personal liberty of a citizen is involved, this court being the Constitutional Court has to reach out to the rescue of those innocent people. We are giving top priority to those cases. We are putting pressure on the Police to investigate and secure and release these persons. But we find from our experience that in most of the cases, there is no cause, much less sufficient cause, for the parties to approach this court. Litigants and members of the Bar appear to have not understood the importance and seriousness of this extraordinary writ of habeas corpus. It is high time that we have to send a clear message that the Courts will not encourage such litigants and tolerate such abuse of the judicial process," the court observed.

Activists seek AIMIM K'taka prez's arrest

MAHESH M GOUDAR @ Bagalkot

HINDU Jagarana Vedike (HJV) activists set Monday as the deadline for Ilkal police to arrest Usmangani Ibrahimsab Humnabad, who is the state president of All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), for allegedly hurting the sentiments of Hindus.

Inaugurating a circle named after former President late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Ilkal on January 7, Humanabad allegedly made the derogatory remarks. A purported video of his speech went viral on social media this week. In the 27-second video, Humnabad is heard saying, "Hindus will say Bolo Bharat Mata ki Jai (Long Live Mother India), Bolo Ganga Mata ki Jai (Long Live Mother Ganga) and Bolo Gau Mata ki Jai (Long Live Mother Cow). I, the state president of AIMIM, ask how many mothers do they need to give birth to one child? One mother is enough to give birth to one child. Where does Mother India, Mother Ganga and Mother Cow come from? If they (Hindus) keep addressing everyone as mother, what will be the future of India? It is an unscientific word."

Sharangouda S Goudar, chief general secretary of HJV, filed a complaint against Humnabad on January 14.

SP Lokesh Jagalasar said, "We have formed teams to nab Humnabad. He is not cooperating with the investigation and is trying to evade arrest."

CRIME PATROL

Engineer held for robbing bank to repay loan

BENGALURU: Madiwala police have arrested a mechanical engineer who barged into a bank and threatened the staff at knifepoint and made away with 1.8 kg of gold valuables and Rs 3.7 lakh cash. The incident was reported on January 14 and a special team was formed to nab the accused, later identified as Dhiraj (28). Dhiraj had recently quit his job. He had invested lakhs in online trading, but suffered huge losses. He had even borrowed money from private banks and his friends, and had also pledged gold belonging to his late mother. When his friends demanded that he repay them, Dhiraj hatched a plan to rob a bank and read articles on newspapers and the Internet to learn how to rob a bank. He kept track of banks without adequate security and zeroed in on a bank in BTM Layout. After the robbery, he then walked for 3 km and took an autorickshaw to reach Banashankari. He then boarded a bus to Majestic and took a bus to Chikkamagaluru. From there, he went to Tumakuru before returning to Bengaluru. Police laid a trap for him at one of his friend's house and caught him. **ENS**

Conman arrested for cheating shop owner

BENGALURU: Cyber crime police have arrested a 28-year-old man for cheating a shop owner on the pretext of renting a godown. The accused is an employee of an online trading company. The accused Pradeep, a resident of Vidyaranyapura, impersonated himself as an executive of the firm and approached the victim two months ago luring him that he will pay him more rent to convert a portion of his shop into a godown. He managed to get the mobile phone of the victim saying that he would update KYC details for the agreement. Pradeep then downloaded money-lending apps and transfered Rs 49,000 to his account. Pradeep later deleted the apps and messages. He told the victim that he will visit again and escaped. Unware, the victim recently received legal notices. He then contacted the lenders and approached the cyber crime police. Police nabbed the accused and during interrogation Pradeep confessed to the crime. **ENS**

Granting bail to accused in girl rape case perverse, HC raps trial court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ALLOWING a petition filed by the mother of a sexual crime victim, the Karnataka High Court cancelled bail granted "without applying mind" by a trial court to a lecturer, who allegedly subjected the girl to sexual acts.

The trial court had granted bail to L Gururaj from Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada district within two days of his arrest. The reasons given were that the health of his wife, who is also one of the accused for aiding her husband in committing the offence, was deteriorating, the couple has a minor daughter and that he would lose his job if bail was not granted. The victim's mother moved the high court questioning bail granted on August 10, 2021 by the trial court, which did not give the complainant or the victim an opportunity to oppose.

Setting aside the bail order, Justice HP Sandesh observed that the reasons assigned by the trial court are nothing but perverse and the lower court should have given an opportunity to the complainant, informant and victim before passing the order. The very approach of the trial court in exercising its discretion under Section 439 of CrPC is nothing but capricious, the judge added.

"When the victim was not behaving normally, she was taken to a doctor and on persuasion, she revealed that she was subjected to sexual acts and hence there was a delay in lodging the complaint. In a heinous offence of rape on the minor girl, the delay in lodging the complaint cannot be a ground to disbelieve the case of the complainant," the court observed.

The lecturer has been prosecuted for the offence punishable under provisions of IPC, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and Information Technology Act. The lecturer, who is working in the college where the victim is studying, subjected her to sexual act with the help of his wife. He allegedly took photographs of the victim in the nude and threatened her with dire consequences if she revealed it to anyone. He subjected her to sexual acts several times.

The victim stated that he also demanded money and she stole Rs.10,000 from the house and gave it to him. The incident took place in October 2018 and the complaint was filed two years later as it was not disclosed by the victim because of threats from the accused.

INTO THE WATER

A 150-foot-long concrete block of an under-construction bridge to connect Thennavanallur in Ariyalur with Thattuvancheri in Thanjavurin Tamil Nadu across the Kollidam collapsed while being set in place on Saturday. There were no casualties | EXPRESS

Report sought over prayers in govt school

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolar

Sources said the headmistress allowed prayers in the school to keep the attendance of students high

THE Kolar deputy commissioner Umesh Kumar has ordered an inquiry against a school for allowing Muslim students to pray in a classroom.

Kumar, who is also the Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer, sought a detailed report from the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI).

Members of Hindu organisations protested against the school headmistress for allowing 20 students to pray on Friday afternoons in a vacant classroom of Mulbagal Someswara Palaya Bale Changappa Government Kannada Model Higher Primary School. They said the decision was biased and promoted religion in the school.

Kumar told The New Sunday Express that he instructed DDPI Revana Siddappa to visit the school, conduct an inquiry and submit a report. The DC will conduct a further inquiry based on the report.

Sources said the headmistress allowed prayers in the school to keep the attendance of students high. When members of Hindu organisations protested near the school, she told them that the decision was unintentional. Later, the agitation was withdrawn.

The school has 150 students and after it reopened, the attendance has been increasing.

Safaris cancelled, entry restricted to Bandipur

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THE sign survey exercise is divided into three blocks and each block is being covered on different dates. Because of the census, the entry of tourists into the reserves has been restricted and morning safaris cancelled, he added.

A detailed field meeting and preliminary trials were conducted on Friday morning to ensure everything was in place, and a core committee was formed to overlook assessment in each block. A special tiger protection force, anti-poaching teams and other special teams were formed to monitor the census. To make the exercise fool-proof, special teams for each block were formed where assistant conservators of forests were made nodal officers. Each ranger has undergone a month-long training for the census.

The Bandipur Tiger Reserve spreads across 1,062 sqkm and has 112 beats. Camera trap details have already been shared with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Karikalan said.

"We are working overtime as fire lines are also being drawn parallelly. As sporadic forest fires are being reported, areas where fire lines are being drawn have been separated from survey areas to ensure a hassle-free census. Since it is the crucial season with the onset of summer and end of dry winter season, the forests are vulnerable," he added.

Court relief for actor Dileep in case of conspiracy to kill cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Saturday directed actor Dileep and other accused persons in a case registered for allegedly conspiring to kill the police officers probing the actor abduction case to report before the crime branch for three consecutive days from Sunday, from 9am to 8pm, for interrogation.

While passing an interim order on the anticipatory bail petitions of actor Dileep and others, Justice P Gopinath said "Dileep and others shall not be arrested till Thursday."

The court directed the prosecution to file a report on the interrogation and any other materials that may be collected by the prosecution in a sealed cover on Thursday.

The petitioners should fully cooperate with the investigation. Any attempt to interfere in any manner whatsoever will be viewed seriously and will lead to the cancellation of the order of protection. "Please tell your clients that I'm very, very serious and that any violation of conditions will be dealt with seriously. Don't attempt anything unnecessarily and don't even think about it," the court cautioned the counsel of Dileep and others.

Dileep's counsel B Ramanpillai sought a directive not to harass the actor during interrogation. "If they are harassed, you can come back and tell the court," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Classical Tamil Chairs in South East Asia: Stalin

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government will take steps to create Classical Tamil Chairs in five universities in South East Asian countries, announced Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday. he was speaking after presenting the Kalaignar M Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Awards.

Arun Singh accuses Jagan of appeasement politics

KURNOOL: BJP national general secretary Arun Singh has accused Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of playing appeasement politics. Arun Singh said Jagan would also face the fate of Uttar Pradesh's Akhilesh Yadav, who persecuted BJP activists and threw them in jail.

45K show Covid symptoms on Day-1 of survey in TS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

IF the numbers from the fever survey numbers are taken as reference to gauge the extent of Covid-19 spread in the State, the about 45,000 symptomatic cases detected on day-one of the survey show that the third wave has swept through the State.

"To ensure that people do not have to queue up at hospitals, we have decided to bring medicines at their doorstep. On the first day, 12,68,000 homes were surveyed for fever and cold symptoms and 45,000 were given home isolation kits," said Health Minister T Harish Rao.

He said that the survey will continue for another week to 10 days until all symptomatic people are identified and given home kits.

These number of people with symptoms identified on the first day of the survey indicates a much more widespread reach of Covid-19 than detected through tests. As on Saturday there are 31,199 active cases of Covd-19 in the State.

CPM DEFERS PARTY MEETING

Kochi: A day after the Kerala High Court pulled up the CPM for organising the district conference in Kasaragod ignoring the rapid spread of Covid, the party on Saturday postponed Alappuzha district meet that was to be held from January 28 to 30. The HC had issued an order banning gatherings of more than 50 people.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SUB-RULE (1) OF RULE 8 OF RULES UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

WHEREAS the undersigned being the authorized officer of GICHFL, pursuant to the demand notice issued on its respective dates, under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 calling upon you/Borrowers, the under named, to pay outstanding dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the respective notices. You all have failed to pay the said outstanding dues within stipulated time, hence GICHFL is in exercise and having right as conferred under the provisions of sub section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with rules thereunder, taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the Secured Assets as mentioned herein below.

Sr. No	File No / Name Of The Borrower & Co-Borrower	Address Of The Mortgage Property	Total Outstanding Dues (Amount In Rs)	Date Of Demand Notice Sent	Symbolic Possession Date
1	KA0590600000386 MR. KRISHNAMURTHY PRAVEENKUMAR	Flat No.402, 4Th Floor, Sun Rise Apartments, Site No.1218 Bearing Khaneshmari No.138, Sy No.133/1, Shree Ananthnagar Phase-II, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100. Measuring 870 Sq.Ft., Of Super Built Up Area, Having Rcc Roofing, With One Car Parking Area In Stilt Floor Along With Sanitary And Electrical Connection And Bounded On East By : Flat No.401, West By : Open To Sky, North By : Flat No.403 And South By : Open To Sky.	RS.28,67,013/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
2	KA0590600000570 MR. BHARATH KUMAR LADDIPELLY	Site No.2296, Old No.37, Kh No-2133/143, Sy No.23, Aarna Enclave Apartments, Flat No.402, 4Th Floor, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore-560100. Measuring 900 Sq.Ft., Of Super Built Up Area, Having Rcc Roofing, Along With Sanitary And Electrical Connection, With One Car Parking Area In Stilt Floor And Bounded On East By : Lift And Passage And Flat No.403, West By : Open To Sky, North By : Flat No.403 And South By : Flat No.401.	RS.33,85,772/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
3	KA0590100000257 MR. PATELL SRREENIVAS REDDY	Site No'S.59/2 & 59/3, Old Khatha No.504, Present Bbmp Khatha No.910/504/59/2 & 896/504/59/3 Formed Out In Sy No.58, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560097. Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 1600 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By : Site No.58, West By : Road, North By : Site No.59/1 And South By : 59/4.	RS.38,11,283/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
4	KA0590600000490 MR. MUNIYAPPA RAMESHA	Southern Side Property Bearing Site No.02, Formed In Assessment No.13/1 & 13/2 Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 10 Feet And Northern Side Property Bearing Site No.03, Formed In Assessment No.13/1 & 13/2 Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 10 Feet, Totally Both Sites Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 20 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 800 Sq.Ft., Situated At Tarabanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk And Bounded On East By : Private Property, West By : Road, North By: Northern Portion Of Site No.2 And South By: Southern Portion Of Site No.3.	RS.25,37,776/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
5	KA0590600000839 MRS. R PUNEETHA	Akkupete Cmc Khaneshumari Old Khatha No.320/319/3853/48, New Khatha No.327/320/319/3853/48, 1St Division, Ward No.23, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East To West 30 Feet, North To South 20 Feet Totally Measuring 600 Sqft And Bounded On East By Site No:43, West By: Road, North By : Site No.47 And South By No:49.	RS.14,40,358/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
6	KA0590600000816 MR. SMEEK DUTTA	Flat No.405, 4Th Floor, Paramount 'A' Apartments, Site Nos.17,18,26,27,19,20, Panchayath Khatha No.2625, SY No.22/1, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100. Measuring 982 Sq.Ft Of Super Built Up Area, Having Rcc Roofing, Along With Sanitary And Electrical Connection, With One Car Parking Slot And Bounded On East By : Flat No.406, West By : Flat No.404, North By: Open To Sky And South By : Open To Sky.	RS.43,66,797/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
7	KA0590600000258 MR. SOMAVENKATANAGA DANESHWARARAO MALLURI & MRS.P. A. SHWETHA	Site No'S. N-181 & N-182, Khatha No.1031, Flat No.103, 1St Floor, Rathna Lavender Apartments, Motce Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd. Layout, 4Th Stage, Sanchar Nagar, Thanisandra, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560077, Having A Super Built Up Area Of 1100 Sq.Ft,.	RS.31,09,045/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
8	KA0590100000781 MR. HIDAYATHULLA GAFFOR & MRS. SEEMA SULTANA	Property Bearing No.127, Formed Out Of Sy No.36, Now Within The Limits Of Bbmp Having Khatha No.Da/117/Pr/166/2017-18 Situated At Adugodi Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 40+34/2 Feet (On The Eastern Side 34 Feet) Along With Rcc Roofed Building Of Ground Floor And First Floor And Bounded On The East By : Cross Road, West By : Site No.126, North By : Burial Ground And South By : Site No.128.	RS.27,73,525/- As on 30 JUNE 2021	30.07.2021	18.01.2022
9	AP0590600000244 MR .SAMA SANJEEVAREDDY & MR. MALLAREDDY SAMA	Sy No.206, Plot No.52, Western Part (Type-A) Srirama Nagar, Kondapur Village, Ghmc Serilingampally Circle, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad .Admeasuring 100.0 Square Yards Or Equivalent To 83.6 Square Meters (Out Of 200 Square Yards). And Bounded North By-30-0 Wide Road, South By Plot No.27, East By Plot No.52.Eastern Part (Type A), West Plot No.53.	RS.60,19,639/- As on 31 JULY 2021	18.08.2021	18.01.2022
10	KA0590600000121 MR.NARAYANA AVINASH & MR.NARAYANA MUNISWAMAPPA	House No.79, Old No.56, 6Th Cross, Oppo To Petrol Bunk, Domlur, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560071, Measuring East To West 20 Feet And North To South 20 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 400 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By : Aiyyanna'S House, West By: The Property Bearing No.79(Portion) To Raja S/O Late Ramaiah, North By : Kamalamma'S House And South By : 5' Passage Left In Property No.79.	RS.16,94,009/- As on 31 JULY 2021	18.08.2021	18.01.2022
11	KA0590600000636 MR.M MOHAN KUMAR & MRS. S. NANDA	Site No.44, Assessment No.66/2, Khatha No.66, Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-562123. Measuring East To West -40 Feet, North To South 30 Feet Totally Measuring 1200 Sqft .And Bounded On East By Site No.36,West By Road, North By Site No.43 And South By Site No.45.	RS.16,91,109/- As on 31 JULY 2021	18.08.2021	18.01.2022
12	KA0590600000017 MR. GUTTAPPA JAYARAMAIAH & MR. GUTTAPPA JAYARAMAIAH THILAK	(Property No.1) Site No.8, Sy No.21/1, Khatha No.1942, Assessment No.2077, Muniyellamma Layout, Swamakuppam, Robertsonpet Hobli, KGF. Measuring Property No.1) East To West 30 Ft North To South 40 Ft, In Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By - Private Property Bearing Site No.07, West By - Private Property Bearing Site No.9, North By - Property Of Venkitaramaiah And South By - 20Ft Width Road. (Collateral Security Property No.2) Site No. 1, Khatha No.171, Balaji Street, Royal Pet, Pungannur Taluk, Chitoor District, Andrapradesh. Measuring East To West 22 Ft , North To South 120 Ft, In All Totally Measuring 2640 Sq.Ft., And Bounded East By - Mrs. Buchamma House, West By - Soodam Shetty Redappa House , North By - M. Lakshmi Narayana Shetty And Mr. M. Suryanarayana Shetty Property And South By - Main Road.	RS.22,14,755/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	09.09.2021	18.01.2022
13	KA0590600000610 MR. VENKATESHA D V	Site No.14, Assessment No'S.13/1 & 13/2 Situated At Tarabanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East To West On The Northern Side 36 Feet, On The Southern Side 31 Feet And North To South On The Eastern Side 24 Feet, On The Western Side 28 Feet, In All Measuring 871 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By : Road, West By : Site No.14 A, North By : Road And South By : Site No.13.	RS.19,60,775/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	17.09.2021	18.01.2022
14	KA0590600000408 MR. SABAPATHI SRINIVASAN	Flat No.206, 2Nd Floor, Ds-Max Status Apartments, Site No'S.19,20,29 & 30, Sy No.156, New Sy No.58/1, Khatha No.316/334, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring 1050 Sq.Ft., With The Super Built Up Area.	RS.35,75,235/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	17.09.2021	18.01.2022
15	KA0590600000363 MR. SHIVRAM MOHAN REDDY	Flat No.G02, Ground Floor, Rhythm Bliss Apartments, Site Bearing No.98, Katha No.2701/116/2/98, Sy No.116/2, Green House Layout, Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560100. Measuring 930 Sq.Ft. Builtup area & and Bounded On East By - Open To Sky, West By-Flat No.G03, North By-Flat No.G01 And South By-Open To Sky.	RS.25,64,354/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	17.09.2021	18.01.2022
16	KA0590600000370 MR. MOHAMMED SUHAIL, MR. MOHAMMED RIDHWAN & MR. MOHAMMED HAMEED KHALID	Site No.146, Formed In Layout Named Mummy Daddy Residential Layout Phase-1, Formed In Khatha No.143/2 Situated At Kariyappanahalli Village, Bannerghatta Dhakale, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Measuring East To West 60 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 2400 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On The East By-Site No.133, West By-Road, North By-Site No.147 And South By-Site No.145.	RS.63,28,658/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	17.09.2021	18.01.2022
17	KA0590600000876 MR. KAMARAJA H B	Site No.10/1, Old Assessment (SY) No.156, New Assessment (SY) No.156/7, Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East To West 17 Feet And North To South 60 Feet, In All Measuring 1020 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By : Site No.10, West By : Site No.11, North By : Site No.9 And South By : Road.	RS.15,53,104/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	18.09.2021	18.01.2022
18	KA0590600000009 MR. VENKATACHALAIAH VEERABHADRAIAH, MRS. RAJAMMA VENKATACHALAIAH	Eastern Portion Of Property No.60/67, Old Khatha No.60, House List No.67, 8Th Cross, Ravindra Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560057. Measuring East To West 15 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 600 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By : Property Bearing No.66, West By : Western Portion Of House List No.67, North By : Road And South By : Property Bearing No.60.	RS.14,49,898/- As on 31 AUGUST 2021	28.09.2021	18.01.2022
19	KA0590600000179 MR. RAJA PENCHALAIAH GORIPARTI & MRS. LATHASHIVAMANI SAMPANGI	Khatha No.824, Gramathana Vacant Site Property No. 2/110/2, Situated At Handarahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East To West: North Side 40 Feet, South Side 40.25 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, In All Totally Measuring 1203 Sq.Ft.And Bounded On: East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Site No.03 And South By : Site No.01.	RS. 14,38,396/- As on 30 SEPTEMBER 2021	11.10.2021	18.01.2022

FURTHER, to this notice, the Borrowers are hereby called upon to hand over vacant and peaceful possession of the respective properties to GICHFL within 7 days from the date of this notice, else the undersigned shall be constrained to proceed to take PHYSICAL POSSESSION of the above properties forcibly and or shall proceed to sale the above said properties after a period of 30 days from the date hereon by adopting method/s provided under SARFAESIAct 2002 and rules thereto.

The BORROWERS and the **PUBLIC IN GENERAL** is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above referred Properties/Secured Assets or any part thereof and any dealing with the Properties/Secured Assets will be subject to charge of GICHFL for the amount mentioned hereinabove against the Propeerties/ Secured Assets which is payable with the further interest thereon until payment in full.

Date : 23.01.2022
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On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	15215253C 07/02/2022	Flammability tester for rigid thermoplastic materials in accordance with UIC 564-2 OR /appendix 11, details as per specification No. QMTS: 015 Dated 26.05.2021	01 Nos.	NIL
2.	14221005 17/02/2022	i) Thermal insulation for underframe of railway coaches 25X935X1000 mm ii) Thermal insulation for sidewall of railway coaches size 50X935X1000 mm	86074 sqm 34798 sqm	16,98,790/-
3.	05211734A 11/02/2022	Set of channel assembly for LHB 3T	281 Set	2,10,750/-
4.	01211388 14/02/2022	Bogie frame of LHB coaches.	32 Nos.	2,03,080/-
5.	01221003 16/02/2022	1. Centering Disc. 2. Centring Disc for primary suspension.	1-7369 Nos. 2-11285 Nos.	2,64,340/-
6.	07221021 17/02/2022	Hex head screw PL NO. : 33672118	306900 Sets	56,590/-
7.	05211704 17/02/2022	Front Sheet	440 Nos.	1,24,190/-
8.	05221018 17/02/2022	Pillar	16071 Nos.	50,760/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 & 2 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 3 to 8 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

T. No.: G-RCF/122-01/Stores/124/2021-22 **Dated: 22.01.2022**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Rule 8(1)

Whereas...The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **The Pavagada Souharda Multipurpose Co-Operative Ltd., S G Palya Branch, Bangalore** (name of the institution) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **28.08.2021** calling upon the **BORROWERS /MORTGAGORS /GUARANTORS- (1) Mr. G Surendra Reddy** S/o G Yanadhi Reddy No.24, 22nd Cross, Temple Street, Ayodha Nagar, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **And also at (2) Mrs. Sahithi Surendra Reddy Guna** W/o G Surendra Reddy No.24, 22nd Cross, Temple Street, Ayodha Nagar, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **And also at Mrs. Sahithi Surendra Reddy Guna** W/o G Surendra Reddy, No.C-144 Sobha Magnolia Bannerghatta Road, Opp Jalabhavan Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560029. **GUARANTORS : Mr. Venkateshwarlu M** S/o Ramiah M No.310/A, Sri Mithra Estate, 10th Cross, Nagawara Palya, Bangalore-560 093. to repay the dues mentioned in the notice being of **A/c No.SMTL-09 Rs.43,67,621=00 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One Only)** as on **31.07.2021** within 60days from the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Act rule 2002, on this the **22.01.2022**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Pavagada Souharda Multipurpose Co-Operative Ltd S G Palya Branch, Bangalore for an amount of A/c No.SMTL-09 Rs.43,67,621=00 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One Only)** as on **31.07.2021** and interest/cost/expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, inrespect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

ITEM No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No.110, katha No.3002 in converted Survey No.36/6A (Vide conversion order No.B.Dis ALN-SR(S) 21/2003-04 dated 29-04-2003) situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, for measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 53.5 feet for total 1605 Sq.feet and bounded on East by: Site No.109, West by: Site No.111, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the site No.34 in the converted property bearing Sy No.49/1, converted vide official memorandum bearing No.ALN(A)(J)SR/9, 137,138,141,157,166,217,223/2007-08 dated 11-09-2008 in phase III, bearing Haragadde V P Katha No.112/34, layout formed in the composite property bearing Sy No's 49/1, 49/2, 88 and a portion of Sy No.59 known as "MARIAN ROSE GRAM" Situated at Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, for measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 33.9 feet for total 1350 Sq.feet and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No.21, North by: Govt Road, South by: Site No.33.

Date : 22.01.2022
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Pavagada Souharda Multipurpose Co-op. Ltd

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Public are hereby informed that our clients have proposed to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from its present owner **SRI CHANDRANNA, MARIGOWDA** and **MADHU .C.** person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right / share / tittle and interest in the schedule property may lodge their objections / claims with the under singed along with supporting documentary evidence with in **7 days** from this day of publication and any objection / claims received there after will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned schedule property as if there are no claims / objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Site No 20, Sy.No 82/1 duly converted for non-agricultural to residential purpose vide conversion order No BDIS ALN SR(S) 36/2000-01 dated 19/08/2000 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at KEMBATHAHALLI Village, UTTARHALLI HOBLI, Bangalore South Taluk, B.B.M.P Ward No 196 ANJANAPURA, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1,200 SQ.FEET and bounded on East by : 30 ft Road, West by : Site No. 15, North by: Site No. 19, South by: Site No.21.

Mahesh .S and Associates, Advocates
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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, K.N. Govindaraj S/o. K.N. Nagaraj r/at. No.31, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Opp. GRV Public School, Dena Bank Colony, Bengaluru. Have lost my Original Sale Agreement Smt. Munipoojamma and others survey no 48 1 acre 27 Guntas Document No.757/13-14, Bearing No.498732 Dated: 20/02/2014 situated Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. If found pls contact-9845151413 or inform nearby police station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client, **Sri. PRASHANTH M.V., S/o Late M. Venkatachalapathy,** aged about 42 Years, R/at No 42/1, 5th Cross Road, Dwarakanagar, Hoskerehalli, Bangalore 560 085, intends to purchase the Property described in the schedule hereunder from **Smt. PADMA., W/o B. Nagaraj,** aged about 52 years, R/at No 29, 8th A Main Road, Dwarakanagar, Near P E S College, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore 560 085 who represents that she is the absolute owner in possession of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder.

Any person/s having any valid, tenable, legal objections/ claims/ right, title and interest in on upon the said schedule property to the said sale conveyance of the schedule property is/ are hereby noticed to lodge their claim in writing, with documentary proof thereof, within a period of **15 days** from the date of this publication to the undersigned, failing which the sale shall be proceeded with as though none have any manner of right, title or interest, nor any legal claim/ objections in respect of the said schedule property described below.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing **New No. 29, 8th A Main, P I D No 55-769-29,** presently coming under B B M P jurisdiction Ward No 161 (Old No 55) **Dwarakanagar, Hoskerehalli, Bangalore.** Measuring East to West: 40 feet AND North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring: 1200 Sq. Feet, along with building measuring 8 Squares in Ground Floor and 8 Squares in 1st Floor, R C C roofed, Mosaic Flooring building with all amenities and Bounded on And Bounded on **EAST BY:** 25 Feet Road, **WEST BY:** Site No 32, **NORTH BY:** Site No 30, **SOUTH BY:** Site No 28.

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **04-08-2021** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Ms. N. Meera, D/o. Natesan, No.21, Osborne Road, Near Ulsoor Lake, Bangalore - 560042. No.2) Ms. N. Vijayakumari, D/o. Natesan, No.21, Osborne Road, Near Ulsoor Lake, Bangalore - 560042** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.12,99,981/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One only)** within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **30-07-2021** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 20th day of January 2022.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.13,38,232/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Two only)** and interest thereon from **20-10-2021** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Ms. N. Meera D/o. Natesan)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property consisting of Land and Building comprising Ground and First Floor bearing Municipal New No.21(PID No.81-17-21) situated at borne Road, in BMP Ward No.81 (Formerly Portion of Plot No.1) in the Compound of No.3, Tank Road, now known as Meanee Avenue Road, later changed as Municipal No.8A/12, Osborne Road, 40th Division Bangalore being bounded on the : East by : Private Property (Formerly S. Kothandaraman Pillay Property), West by : Private Property (Formerly No.3 St.Johns Road), North by : Private Property (Plot No.2), South by : Premises belonging to Mudaliar Sangham and measuring on the East : 75 feet and 6 inches, West : 75 feet and 6 inches, North : 38 feet 6 inches, South : 40 feet in all measuring 2,963 sq.ft. together with the Old Building Structures and Fittings Standing thereon. The built up Area is 2,000 sq.ft. Walls are Built with Bricks and Mortor, with RCC Roof and Red-oxide Flooring with all Civil Amenities. The Doors and Windows made of Jungle Wood and constructed more than 49 Years ago.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 20-01-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

MELIORA Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.,

503, May Fair Gardens, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/MORTGAGED ASSETS

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002, read with the provision rule 8(6) of the of Security Interest (enforcement) rules, 2002.

Whereas, **MELIORA ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED** (hereinafter referred to as 'MARC Ltd') with its registered office at 106, Bharat Towers, 5th Lane, Dwaraka Nagar, Visakhapatnam-530016 and Corporate Office (Address for Communication) at 503, Mayfair Garden, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034, is a Securitisation and Reconstruction company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India under section 3 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

Whereas "**MARC Ltd**" has acquired the Financial Asset relating to the loan account of **M/s Nehal Creations** by executing deed of Assignment, dated **30-03-2017** between **M/s. Andhra Bank, N R Road, Bangalore, as "Assignor"** and **M/s. MARC Ltd** as **"Assignee".** The said assignor Bank, the original lender, irrevocably transferred, assigned the loan account along with all rights, title and interest on secured asset in the account in favour of **"MARC ltd"** in its capacity as Trustee &Trust. Consequently, the **MARC Ltd** has become the secured creditor of the loan account by virtue of section 3 of SARFAESI Act and is therefore entitled to pursue recovery proceedings in its own name and recover the dues from the borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of M/s. MARC Ltd secured creditor, will be sold **"as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 25.02.2022,** for recovery **of Rs.3,12,77,530/- (Rupees Three Crores Twelve Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Only) as on 15-06-2017** along with further interest costs and charges in terms of the loan agreements ,less credits received if any, due to **M/s MARC Ltd** secured creditor from **M/s Nehal Creations Rep by Proprietor Ms. Swathi Ramesh Kumar (Borrower) and Mrs. P.T. Nalini (Guarantor). The Reserve Price will be Rs. 275.00 lacs and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 27.50 lacs.**

The e-auction sale of the below mentioned property/s will be conducted on **25.02.2022** by way of e-auction**under "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE":**

S. No	Details of Property including Name of the Owner	Reserve Price (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	Date and Time of E-Auction
1.	All that Part and Parcel of residential cum commercial Property with G+2 floors having land admeasuring 1680 sq ft and total Built up area of 3960 sq ft, situated in "G" street, Jogupalaya main Road, Ward No 75,Bangalore- 560008,belonging to Mrs. Nalini P T, measuring East to west 24 ft, North to south 70 ft, **Bounded by : East :** Passage & property of MK Chetty, **West :** Property bearing No 70, **North :** Jogupalaya Main Road, **South :** Government Road.	**275.00 Lacs**	**27.50 Lacs**	**25.02.2022 from 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM**

1. Interested Bidders can download the e-auction tender document from our service provider C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Portal: **https:// www.bankeauctions.com,**
2. Last date of payment for **EMD is 23.02.2022 by 5.00 pm** and Interested Bidders can remit 10% of the reserve price as EMD (through Name of the **Beneficiary Account & Bank: MARC-AB10/2017 TRUST, Punjab National Bank, LIC Building Branch, Visakhapatnam, NEFT/RTGS Account No. A/c No: 0462002100054897, IFS code: PUNB0046200)** and can participate in e-auction.
3. The secured assets will not be sold less than the reserve price and the Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decisionin this regard shall be final.
4. Minimum Bid Increment Amount: **Rs. 0.50 lakh** for each property with auto 'n' number of extensions of '5' Minutes (i.e. the end time of e- auction will be extended by 5 minutes each time if bid is made within last 5 minutes before closure of auction).
5. Upon confirmation of the sale, the successful purchasers shall deposit 25% of the sale price (including EMD amount already paid)immediately and balance 75% within 15 days failing which the amounts already paid/deposited by the purchaser shall be forfeited. In default of payment, the property shall be re-sold, and the defaulting purchaser shall not have any claim whatsoever.
6. For further information you may contact us on **+91 9030098574**

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 10.02.2022

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual/Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on **10.02.2022** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **09.02.2022 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Sazerac Hospitality Pvt Ltd, Represented by its Directors – i) Mrs. Payal Hasmukh Shah, ii) Mrs. Gitanjali T Budharani, iii) Mr. Shreyas Patel, iv) Mr. Suman Ranjan Patnaik, v) Mrs. Pranitha Subhash, Address:** No.36, Ground Floor, Vittal Mallya Road, Near Shell Petrol Bunk, Bengaluru–560001, **(2) Mrs. Payal Hasmukh Shah,** D/o Mr. Hasmukh Premchand Shah, No.7, Tejas Apartments, 6th Floor, South End Street, Kumar Park East, Bengaluru–560001, **(3) Mrs. Gitanjali T Budharani,** D/o Mr. Thakur M Budhrani, No.71, 11th Cross, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru–560038, **(4) Mr. Shreyas Patel,** S/o Mr. Ravikumar Krishnappa Patel, No-3D, Subhashree Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru–560032, **(5) Mr. Suman Ranjan Patnaik,** S/o Mr. Sudhanshu Patnaik, No.67-3-B, 4th Cross, Lavelle Road, Near Harle Davidson Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560001, **(6) Mrs. Pranitha Subhash,** D/o Mr. Balakrishna Subhash, No.147, 30th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru–560070, **(7) Mr. Sitaram T.S,** S/o Mr. Sanjeevappa Thumbadi, No.5, 1st Floor, Rock House, 1st Main Road, Jayamahal Extn, Bengaluru-560006, **(8) Mrs. Bhagyam,** W/o Mr. Sitaram T.S, No.5, 1st Floor, Rock House, 1st Main Road, Jayamahal Extn, Bengaluru–560006, **(9) Mrs. Naidile R Patel,** D/o Mr. Sitaram T.S, No-3D, Subhashree Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru–560032. **Loan A/c No: (1) PSTL A/c No.1097001800169201 (2) PSOD A/c No.1097000600118801**	**Total Rs. 1,49,01,153.05 (Rs. 81,67,079.09 + Rs. 67,34,073.96) 06.06.2021**	**14.08.2020 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat** bearing **No.GF-1,** having a super built up area of 3350 Sq.ft, along with undivided share of land 1514 Sq.ft, in the Ground Floor of the building known as **"ROCK HOUSE REGENCY"** with 2 covered car parking spaces in the stilt floor of the building, situated on the property bearing Municipal No.5/1-1, PID No.92-16-5/1-1, at 1st Main Road, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Sitaram T.S. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Passage/Passage, **West by:** Property No.4 of Kakade/Road, **North by:** Property No.5/3 of Mr. S.N Ladhani/No.105-A, 2 floor Residential Building, **South by:** Road/1st Main Road. **Boundaries of Flat : East by:** Open Space and then passage, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** Entrance, Lift & Stair Case and Open area, **South by:** Open Space and then road	**Rs. 2,62,60,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Sixty Two Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 26,26,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Only)**	**1.40 PM to 2.00 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Indiranagar A/c No: 1093500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000109**
2	**(1) M/s SHA Enterprises, a Partnership Firm, Represented by Partners: i) Mr. Imtiyaz HAS ii) Mrs. Anjum Imtiyaz, Regd Office:** No.3/3, Building No.6, Kodichikkanahalli, Next to Cauvery Tank, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560068. **(2) Mr. Imtiyaz HAS,** S/o Mr. H A Sattar **(3) Mrs. Anjum Imtiyaz,** W/o Mr. Imtiyaz HAS **No.2 & 3 are residing at:** Flat No.803, 8th Floor, "OLYMPUS 1", Prestige Acropolis, No.20, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560029. **Loan Account : P S OVERDRAFT ACCOUNT NO. 1187000600011901, Pre-Shipment Credit (SL.GEN) Accounts, Bank Guarantee & CURRENT ACCOUNT No. 1182000100050501**	**Rs. 8,59,43,127.33 01.03.2019 & 01.01.2022 respectively**	**29.06.2019 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of **Commercial property** bearing Unit in Mezzanine Floor measuring 4,145 Sq.ft super built up area along with three car parking numbered as 101A, out of Unit No.101/1 having total area of 6,145 Sq.ft in Mezzanine Floor & Undivided share, title & interest of 1274.79 Sq.ft , in the commercial building known as "Royal Stone-The Tech Park" bearing Corporation No.100, Khata No.101/A, Corporation Ward No.29, Benniganahalli, K.R Puram, belonging to **Mr. Imtiyaz HAS. Boundaries of Building (As per Deed/Actual) East by:** 30 feet road/II Main Road Pai Layout , **West by :** Old Choultry and property of Bhanujairam/Sheds, Building and Vacant Land, **North by :** Old Madras Road/ Old Madras Road, **South by:** 30 feet Road/Building & Pvt Property.	**Rs. 2,82,80,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 28,28,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Only)**	**2.10 PM to 2.30 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru– Overseas A/c No: 1183500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000118**
3	**(1) Mr. Abhinav Swamy,** S/o Mr. Shivakumar Swamy T.C, **(2) Mr. Shivakumar Swamy T.C,** S/o Late.B.Channappa, **(3) Mrs. Gayathri T.S,** W/o Mr. Shivakumar Swamy T.C , **No.1 to 3 are addressed at:** No.67, 7th Cross, Cholurapalya, Magadi Road, Bengaluru – 560023. **Loan Account No. VID A/c No.0647004300017001**	**Rs. 37,25,393.98 26.12.2021**	**12.11.2020 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the **immovable property bearing Municipal No.67, (Eastern portion of Old Site No.3, Old Khatha No.84/A and thereafter No.25), PID No.33-29-67, measuring 675 Sq.ft (East to West – 15 feet ; North to South : 45 feet),** with residential building constructed thereon **measuring BUA – 2668.00 Sq.ft (GF+FF+SF & Third Floor),** situated at 7th Cross, 1st Main, Cholurapalya, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023. belonging to **Mr. Shivakumar Swamy.T.C. Boundaries as per Deed/Actual : East by :** Site No.2/No.66, 4 floor Building, **West by:** Property of Shankarachari/ No.68 Single Storey Building, **North by:** Road/7th Cross Road, **South by:** Site No.6/Residential Building.	**Rs. 58,58,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,85,800.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Only)**	**2.35 P.M to 2.55 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Rajajinagar A/c No: 0643500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000064**
4	**(1) Mr.Jayaramaiah,** S/o Mr. Sanjeevaiah, **(2) Mrs. Prema,** W/o Mr. Jayaramaiah, **Both are addressed at :** No.11, 2nd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Sanjivini Nagar, Hegganahalli, Bengaluru–560091 **Loan Account No. (1) OD A/c No.0647000100248401 (2) PSTL A/c No.0647001800210301**	**Rs. 39,21,345.77 (Rs. 14,10,785.79 + Rs. 25,10,559.98) 01.01.2022 & 12.01.2022 respectively**	**26.02.2021 Actual**	All that part and parcel of vacant Residential property bearing Site No.100, Sector 'B' Category LIG, as per E-Katha Property No.150200 103200721935, measuring 108.00 Sqm or 1162.08 Sq.ft (East to West 9.00 Meters and North to South 12.00 Meters) developed by the Karnataka Housing Board under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme situated at Suryanagara Phase-II, Hinnaki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District - 560105, belonging to **Mr. Jayaramaiah. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Site No.101 LIG/ Vacant Site, **West by:** Site No.99 LIG/Vacant Site, **North by:** Site No.73 MIG/ Vacant Land, **South by:** 9 Mtr Wide Road/Road.	**Rs. 20,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 2,00,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Only)**	**2.45 P.M to 3.05 P.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Rajajinagar A/c No: 0643500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000064**
5	**(1) M/s Kamadhenu Fashion, Represented by its Proprietrix : Mrs. Ranjitha M , Addressed at:** Plot no. 6, Mehatha Industrial Estate, Machohalli, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560091, **(2) Mrs. Ranjitha M.** W/o Mr. Naveen Kumar L. **(3) Mr. Naveen Kumar L.** S/o Mr. Lingappa, **Both 2 & 3 are addressed at :** No.877, 3rd Cross, Nisarga Arcade, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560072 **Loan Account No. (1) PSOD A/c No.1047000601216901 (2) PSTL A/c No.1047001800156301**	**Rs. 79,28,914.07 (Rs. 49,98,930.00 + Rs. 29,29,984.07) 01.01.2022 & 26.12.2021 respectively**	**09.12.2019 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of **Industrial property** bearing **Plot No.6 measuring 7362 sq.ft. with building constructed thereon (GF+FF+SF) totally measuring Built Up area 6573.81 Sq.ft, situated on property bearing Sy.No's.76/1, 76/4, 76/3 (New No. 76/9), 76/2, 76/1,** Mehta Industrial Estate Bapagram Post Machohalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, belonging to **Mrs. Ranjitha M. Boundaries of Property: East by:** Plot No.7, **West by :** Site No.5, **North by :** Private Property, **South by:** 11 meter road.	**Rs. 1,75,10,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 17,51,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Only)**	**1.35 P.M to 1.55 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Basaveshwarnagar A/c No: 1043500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000104**
6	**(1) Mrs. Krishnamma,** W/o Mr. Munirajappa, **(2) Mr. Munindra Kumar K.M,** S/o Mr. Munirajappa, **Both 1 & 2 are addressed at:** No.486/16, Sy.No.29, Ward No.129, Kalena Agrahara, BBMP, Begur Sub -Division, Bengaluru-560076, **(3) Mrs. Sujatha M,** W/o Mr. K. Ramesh, E14, Near Yallamma Temple, Hommadevanahalli, Gottigere, Bengaluru-560083, **(4) Mrs. Vasantha M,** W/o Mr. Ramu M.V, 35, Kalena Agrahara, Opposite Government School, SOS Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru– 560078 **Loan Account No. TL A/c No.9637001600000801**	**Rs. 31,77,613.33 23.12.2021**	**24.08.2021 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of property bearing No.486/16, formed out of Survey No.29, Ward No.192, measuring 1200 Sq.ft (East to West – 30'0", North to South-40'0") with Residential building constructed thereon (GF+FF+SF) measuring total area 1,707 Sq.ft as per sanction plan, 2150 Sq.ft as per actual, situated at Kalena Agrahara, BBMP Begur Sub-Division, Bengaluru-560076, belonging to **Mrs. Krishnamma, Mr. Munindra Kumar K.M, Mrs. Sujatha M & Mrs. Vasantha M. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Site No.15/ Sheet roof Building, **West by:** Site No.17/Sheet roof Building, **North by:** Road/ 5th Cross Road, **South by:** Site No.19/Residential Building.	**Rs. 55,55,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,55,500.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**11.35 A.M to 11.55 A.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru Electronic City Phase I A/c No: 9633500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000963**
7	**(1) Mr. Lakshman Reddy,** S/o Mr. Aiyulu Reddy, **(2) Mr. Shiva Kumar L,** S/o Mr. Lakshman Reddy, **(3) Mrs. Mohanamma,** W/o Mr. Lakshman Reddy, **All are addressed at :** Flat No.K-11, 3rd Floor, Sri Krishna Residency, No.21, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Kashinagar, Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, J.P Nagar Post, Bengaluru – 560078 **Loan Account No. TL A/c No.9017001600008401**	**Rs. 41,51,155.34 31.12.2021**	**08.07.2019 Physical**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.K-11 (2 BHK) in third floor of "Sri Krishna Residency" having 950 Sq.ft of super built up area, along with 220 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title in the land and one covered car parking space in stilt floor, constructed on converted land bearing New Municipal No's 21 & 51, Khatha No.371/21/5/1B/51 (Old No's.21, 201, 365, 5/3, 568 & 11A, 175), New BBMP Property No.21/371/365, New BBMP Khatha No.370/21/371/365, situated at Kashinagar, Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, belonging to **Mr. Lakshman Reddy. Boundaries of Property as per Deed: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property bearing No.11 (formed in Prathibha Estate), **South by:** Property No.22.	**Rs. 27,50,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,75,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)**	**11.05 A.M to 11.25 A.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Uttarahalli A/c No: 9013500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000901**
8	**I) (1) M/s Lane Markers, a Partnership Firm, Represented by its partners: I) Mr. Amudhan S ii)Mr. Amar P iii) Mrs. Saritha N, Addressed at :** No.17, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Hoysalanagara, Ramamurthynagara, Bengaluru-560016, **(2) Mr. Amudhan S,** S/o Mr. Shanmugam, No.230/01, 11th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Kalkere Road, Near Jubilee College, NRI Layout, Bengaluru – 560016, **(3)Mr. Amar P,** S/o Mr. Mohan Raj P, **4) Mrs. Saritha N,** W/o Mr. Amar P, **No.3 & 4 are addressed at :** Flat No.006, Ground Floor of Block 1, "Oracle Garden", Kalkere Village, K.R Puram , Bengaluru-560016. **II) (1) Mr. Amar P,** S/o Mr. Mohan Raj P, **(2) Mrs. Saritha N ,** W/o Mr. Amar P **Both are addressed at -** Flat No.006, Ground Floor of Block 1, "Oracle Garden", Kalkere Village, K.R Puram , Bengaluru-560016. **Loan Account No. (1) PSOD A/c No.0597000600086301 (2) TL A/c No.0597001603058501**	**Rs. 31,38,522.40 (Rs.2,15,223.40 + Rs. 29,23,299.00) 01.05.2019 & 07.05.2019 respectively**	**19.11.2021 Physical**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.006,** on the ground floor, in the Block-1 of the multistoried residential building known as "ORACLE GARDENS", having 1175 Sq.ft super built up area, along with 382 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the land and with one covered car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase and lift, constructed on converted land bearing Survey No.398/1P (Old Survey No.398), present BBMP Khata No.11, situated at Kalkere Village, K.R Puram Hobli, earlier Bengaluru South Taluk, presently Bengaluru East Taluk, belonging to **Mr. Amar P & Mrs. Saritha N. Boundaries of the land as per Document: East by:** Remaining portion of Same Survey No. retained by Mr. Lakshman & others, **West by :** Property bearing Sy.No.399 belongs to Krishnappa, **North by :** Property of Maregowda, **South by:** Property of P. Ramanna.	**Rs. 42,00,000.00 (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 4,20,000.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)**	**10.05 A.M to 10.25 A.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Murphy Town A/c No: 0593500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000059**

(The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/ on 10.02.2022 at above mentioned time** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending Bidder is required to register their name at **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e online training on e-auction **(tentatively on 09.02.2022)** from **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd, Registered & Corporate Office:** B-705, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006, **Help Line:** (O) 079-68136837/80/42, (Mobile) 9265562818/21/19, **Contact Person:** Mr. Ram Prasad Sharma (Assistant Manager), **Mail Id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Mobile No:** +91 **9978591888/ support@auctiontiger.net.**

Date : 20.01.2022
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF ORIGINAL GIFT DEED

This is to inform the public that the Registered Gift Deed executed by **Smt.S.S.Bhargava,** W/o. Late.S.R.Bhargava, in favour of **Sri. Raghavendra S.Bhargava,** vide document No.BNG (U)-JNR4154/2002-2003, dated 13-12-2002, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, has been lost/misplaced during transit by my client and said document is not traced so far and a police complaint is lodged in this regard, with Bangalore City Police vide Lost Report No:0137564/2022, dated 17-01-2022. The finder of the above document is requested to return the above said document to the below mentioned address ***within 10 days*** from the date of this publication.

Sd/-

S. Jagadish Chander. ***Advocate.***
No.310, 14th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 011. Mobile:99003 29641

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client Sri. Nagesh Kamalakar is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.

Original registered Gift Deed dated 29-06-1983 as document no. 2284/1983-84 and registered Sale Deed dated 06-06-1991 as document no. 1320/1991-92 related to schedule property are lost/misplaced. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged online on 22/01/2022.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said documents are misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he / she/it shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.3, having Old V P Katha No.68/2 then 70/2, Kathariguppa Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now Corporation No. 6/1, PID Number 55-107-6/1, situated at 8th Main Road, Gururaja Badavane, BSK III Stage, Bangalore, admeasuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet together with residential structure thereon and property is bounded on:

East by : Site No.2,
West by : Earlier Private Site and now Road,
North by : Earlier Private land and now Road,
South by : Road.

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This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.CHANDRASHEKAR.N** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost original 1) Sale Deed dt:7/10/1965 Doc No.3244 / 1965-66, executed by Sri.Krishnappa in favour of Smt.Venkatamma, 2) Sale Deed Dt: 16/1/1968 Doc No.4830 / 1967-68, executed by Smt.Venkatamma in favour of Sri.Krishnappa, 3) Sale Deed Dt: 26/2/1968 Doc No.5405 / 1967-68, executed by Sri.Krishnappa in favour of Smt.Venkatamma, 4) Sale Deed dt: 16/8/1969 Doc No.2362 / 1969-70, executed by Sri.Krishnappa in favour of Smt.Munisanjeevamma, 5) Sale Deed dt: 28/2/1981 Doc No.12405 / 1980-81, executed by Smt.Munisanjeevamma in favour of Smt.Narasamma, all are registered in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing No.46/1, Property No.46/1/74, Old Khatha No.74/1, Pattanagere Nagarasabhe Khatha No.116, situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring east to west 18 feet and north to south 30 feet and bounded on :

East by : Sri. Venkateshappa's House, **West by :** Sri.Appaiyanna's House, **North by :** Sri.Huchappa's House, **South by :** Government Road.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate, No.276, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.

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APPENDIX -IV RULE 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.08.2021** Calling upon the borrower **Late Mr S D Kalamegam and Mr S K Bharath Kumar (Guarantor) with our Dodda Banaswadi Branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 18,96,629.65/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Nine and Sixty Five Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **21st January 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs 20,47,731.20/-**(Rupees Twenty Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty One and Twenty Paise Only) and interest thereon. We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property at Flat No T 1 on 3rd Floor at Saidarshan constructed property land bearing Municipal No 15, situated at B Channasandra Gramatane, Benniganahalli, KR Puram Hobli in BBMP Ward No 84 having PID No 84-77-15, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore (Schedule A) with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by : Guramma, Muniswamys property and Late Halu Bandeppas Property, West by : Moogannas Narayanappas Property North by : Mariyammas Muniswamys Property, South by : Road

and 12.80% of Undivided share in the land described in Schedule A herein above which works out to 348.00 Ft in the above Property and the Flat measures about 1176.00 Sq Ft super built up area containing 2 bed rooms with 1 covered car parking space in the Stilt Floor.

Place:Bangalore
Date:21-01-2022

Sd/-Authorised Officer
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of **City Union Bank Ltd.** as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount as mentioned below and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. R C Polymers, No.151/12, Sunnagatta Village, Honganoor Post, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 571511. No.2) Mr. Madhusudhan, S/o. Mr. Venkat Rao, at 2159/3, 4th Cross, Kuvempu Nagara, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 571511. No.3) Mrs. Lakshmi Madhusudhan, W/o. Mr. Madhusudhan, at 2159/3, 4th Cross, Kuvempu Nagara, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 571511.

Date of Demand Notice: 13-10-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated 17-11-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.65,97,771/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 17-01-2022 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note:- That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080062532) dated **30-03-2020** requested by No.1, of you represented by No.2, of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.19,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **07-08-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **16-01-2022** is **Rs.21,28,725/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **17-01-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mrs. Lakshmi Madhusudhan, W/o. Mr. Madhusudhan)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Sy.No.151/1, New Sy.No.151/12, consisting of 4½ Guntas of Land situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Block No.1, Property sold to Krishnappa, West by - Govt. Voni, North by - Govt. Katte, South by - Block No.1, Road.

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. S N A SILK, No.3896, Opposite to Govt. Urdu School, Ramanagaram - 562159. No.2) Mr. Khalid Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Ahmed Nisar, No.2663, 4th Cross, Near Govt. Hospital, Ramanagaram - 571511 No.3) Mrs. Raziqha Bano, W/o. Mr. Khalid Ahmed, No.2663, 4th Cross, Near Govt. Hospital, Ramanagaram - 571511.

Date of Demand Notice: 18-10-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.42,61,505/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred and Five Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 24-12-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Notes:-

1. That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR: 501812080048363) Dated **05-02-2019** requested by No.2, of you for which No.3 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.13,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12.25%** and the balance outstanding as on **23-12-2021** is **Rs.14,23,349/-.**
2. That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR: 501812080052386) Dated **04-06-2019** requested by No.2, of you for which No.3 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.10,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12.25%** and the balance outstanding as on **23-12/-2021** is **Rs.11,38,294/-.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. Khalid Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Ahmed Nisar)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.700/3894, 3896 & 1648, New 99/3896 & 1648, New 99/3896, PID No.19-2-516-15, Assessment No.99/3896, consisting of East to West - 92 feet and North to South - 40 feet of land situated in Ward No.19, Hosahalli, 2nd Stage Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Property of Sattar Saheb, West by - Municipal Road, North by - Property of Gulab Jan, South by - Property of Zulekha Bi.

III. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. S S Silk, 13th Ward, 10th Cross, 1361/12403/B, Kumandan Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.2) Mr. Shadab Ali Khan, S/o. Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, 13th Ward, 1st Cross, 1361/12403/B, Kumandan Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. Also at:- Mr. Shadab Ali Khan, S/o. Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, 13th Ward, 10th Cross, 1361/12403/B, Kumandan Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Sahira Khanum, W/o. Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, 13th Ward, 1st Cross, 1361/12403/B, Kumandan Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.4) Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, S/o. Mr. Mahboob Khan, 13th Ward, 1st Cross, 1361/12403/B, Kumandan Mohalla, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.5) Mrs. Amreen Khanum, W/o. Mr. Parvooz Ahmed, at 1461, 9th Cross, Raghavendra Nagar, Mysore - 570019. No.6) Mrs. Neha Khanum, W/o. Mr. Numanulla Shariff, at No.1024, K.R. Puram, Sampige Road, Hassan, Karnataka - 570019.

Date of Demand Notice: 16-10-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.21,29,579/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 24-12-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. Shadab Ali Khan, S/o. Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, Mrs. Sahira Khanum, W/o. Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, Mr. Fazil Ali Khan, S/o. Mr. Mahboob Khan, Mrs. Amreen Khanum, W/o. Mr. Parvooz Ahmed & Mrs. Neha Khanum, W/o. Mr. Numanulla Shariff)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Khatha No.38/1361/2403B, PID No.14-1-502-19, Measuring:- East to West - 8.534417 metres and North to South - 12.496825 metres, situated at No.1, Cross - A, Block - 1, Kumandan Mohalla, Ward No.14, Nalbanwadi, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Boundaries:- East by - Property of Faruq Aga, West by - Property of Jawahar Ali Khan, North by - Road, South by - Road.

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Marvin Lee Aday

REPUBLIC@73: TIME TO REDESIGN THE CONSTITUTION

INDIA is celebrating the 75th year of Independence. The framework on which Independence has been anchored is the Constitution which came into effect on January 26, 1950. As the nation celebrates the occasion, the question is whether the Republic of India lived up to the promise of the 'tryst with destiny'.

There is a lot to celebrate – the preservation of democracy in a nation which began its journey with eight of ten persons poor and unlettered is a glorious achievement. The front end of Brand India sports technological smarts to install the world's largest biometric identity system and launches a Mars mission at a cost less than what cost Hollywood to make the movie, *Martian*.

There is much to bemoan. A nation which struggles to deliver the most basic of public services – water, healthcare, education – to its people must do better. The cause of the inadequacies India is wrestling with is largely the consequence of the constitutional architecture the Republic rests on.

THE THIRD EYE

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Political rhetoric is riveted on two words in the Preamble. Arguably, the republic was deemed 'secular' before the word was inserted during the Emergency. Articles 25 and three attendant articles guarantee freedom of faith. And while India may not be 'socialist' as defined by the lexicon, but the fact is property rights can be constrained. The Directive Principles of State Policy assure state intervention, the government is the largest industrial house and it bears mention that India hosts the world's largest food security and health insurance programmes.

The angst and attention must move beyond the Preamble. The fundamental issue India must debate as it rises to be the sixth largest economy hosting over 1.4 billion people, is how to redesign the constitutional framework to address the deficits in governance. The basic design of the current structure was inherited from the colonial regime. The construct of division of responsibilities in Schedule 7 stems from the Government of India Act 1919 artifacts from the Government of India Act 1935. The confusion about who does what is responsible was worsened by the amendments during the Emergency.

Last month, MPs asked the government about the high-level of anaemia in the populace. The reply: "The primary responsibility for strengthening health care services including implementation of national programs lies with the respective State/UT government". A fifth of police posts, 5.32 lakh, are vacant in the states. The union government says public order is a state subject. In another query, MPs asked about teacher posts lying vacant in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The reply: "Education is in the Concurrent list of Constitution and most of the schools come under jurisdiction of States and UTs concerned."

The accumulated losses of all state discoms add up to ₹5.07 lakh crore. Discoms owe generating companies over ₹1.56 lakh crore. The union government wants the states to induct efficiency by opening the last mile of power distribution to competition but they are not in agreement. The issue is being "deliberated upon" and reforms depend on "consultations". Electricity is in the Concurrent List.

The legislative landscape is punctuated with gaps bridged by innovative circumventions. Consider the management of the pandemic. The Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897 addresses transmission across borders. Health is a state subject. Ergo the pandemic is managed by the Centre under the National Disaster Management Act which as the inimitable Bibek Debroy pointed out recently, rests on the presence of the phrase 'social security' in the Union List in Schedule 7.

Justice is delayed and denied by systemic apathy. Across India over 45 million cases are pending. The delivery of justice is delayed and detained by structural dysfunction and the contentious debate between the political class and the judiciary on appointments. The administration of justice is split across Union, State and Concurrent Lists. As of December 2021, 403 posts for judges in High Courts and 5,193 in subordinate courts are lying vacant.

Efficiency in delivery of governance is about the structure and it is also about scale. The contours of states have been determined by history, by colonial legacy and by language politics. India's states are of varying size and scale, in population between Goa and Uttar Pradesh with over 220 million and in size between Sikkim and Rajasthan with over 3.4 lakh sq km. This begs the question as to what is the optimum size, and calls for a study and a complete reorganisation of states.

This divorce in the design and delivery of services, of authority and accountability is the central cause of chaos in governance and review of the constitutional framework. This calls for a review to realign intent and outcomes across Union, State and local governments. It is true that that the review is deterred by the Supreme Court judgments and the basic structure doctrine. Equally, it can be argued that the percept of a 'living constitution' articulated by courts affords room for a review.

As India celebrates its successes this week, it would do well to interrogate the inadequacies and address them. How about a Commission to review and redesign a template ready for adoption when the republic turns 75.

IN UP, BJP'S LEADERS KNOW ONLY LOVE

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

IN a matter of weeks, Uttar Pradeshians will be lining up to vote. This election will be of considerable significance to all of India. Yogi Adityanath, the politician dressed in saffron, is well known for his ambition to replace Narendra Modi as the BJP's prime ministerial nominee. In such situations, Modi develops ten eyes and twenty ears. This internal yudh makes the UP elections a historical tug of war.

Election time is the time — the only time — when ordinary citizens get extraordinary attention as voters. To get those votes, parties and politicians go to any length. Once upon a time they could directly bribe voters; actually give cash. That's not done now because now things are a bit more sophisticated. Politicians recognise that and rise to the occasion.

A few days ago, the Prime Minister transferred ₹476 crore to the accounts of 53,000 women Self Help Groups in UP. What are these SHGs and who benefits from them? We are free to form of own impressions from the few available facts. They are groups said to be functioning under the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Mission. This was part of a capitalisation fund of ₹1,625 crore that was disbursed to more than four lakh SHGs. Plenty of money, which means plenty of opportunities to win the support of voters because officially the control buttons are at the Prime Minister's Office — and the PMO is at your fingertips. These are days when fingertips can work wonders.

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SHGs are not the only akshaya patras responding to VIP fingertips. There are other wonderful-sounding initiatives. For example, the Kanya Sumangala Scheme. What a noble concept, arranging sumangala for Kanyas. It gets nobler when we realise that it enables the government to transfer ₹20 crore to the accounts of approved groups.

"Approved groups." Ah, there's the key. It is irrelevant to ask where this kind of money is coming from. But it is relevant to look at what such munificence has meant to the national exchequer. Since 2014, when the Modi Government came to power, the rupee has fallen quite noticeably. The rate was 63 rupees to the dollar that year. In 2020, just six years later, it became 76 to the dollar. This was when the Prime Minister was saying publicly that he would take the rupee high and make it 40 to a dollar. Economic growth rate in this period has been zero in automobile and residential property sales. So 60 per cent of the population was surviving on free grain.

The PM's response was to rely on his oratory. He spoke of how Aurangzeb tried to change civilisation with the sword, but Shivaji rose to protect India's culture. Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman wondered why Babar or Akbar was not cited instead of Aurangzeb. "Akbar was famous as one of the most secular rulers that any nation ever knew at any point in time," he said. He quoted Babar's letter to his son Humayun asking that justice be delivered as per the tenets of each community.

Tenets in today's India have scant regard for secular ideas, or for free speech. Although the prevailing notion is that free speech is truly free in India, British-period sedition laws are used against even "youngsters, students and comedians" who criticise the Government. "It is time", said Justice Narsarkar was coined to encash Modi's charisma since the local leadership wasn't powerful enough.

Of the dozen Assembly elections held since 2014, BJP won the majority in the first round but started losing in the second because the Congress and other rivals had better coxswains. Modi's iconic image couldn't compensate the deficiency. The BJP lost power in Maharashtra and Punjab. It couldn't win Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan. It failed to defeat Mamata. It retained Assam only thanks to the dynamic and pragmatic Himanta Sarma who had defected from the Congress before the previous election. Moreover, state electorates are back to making the distinction between the PM and the CM.

In 2017, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand had voted for the saffron urged by the Modi factor. Now UP has a local leader in Yogi Adityanath who is seen as an honest and decisive commander. By placing his image along with Modi's on poll publicity material, the BJP is leveraging the monk's potential to attract extra votes. Retaining Uttar Pradesh for a second term is necessary for the BJP's survival. It can ignore losses in other states, but a setback in Uttar Pradesh in terms of the Lok Sabha seat calculations will not only minimise Modi's authority but also eliminate Yogi's spin as the future saffron mascot.

It will signal the rise of Akhilesh Yadav as the new giant killer and complete Mayawati's decimation. However, if the BJP wins all the four states, it will succeed in putting in place a new and young leadership to take over the national command in the future. The electoral outcome in 2022 will decide the future relevance of the Congress and AAP, too. Should Channi pull it off, Punjab will provide the Congress a major Dalit leader after a long time.

Whatever be the final result, these polls will define both the battle lines and the contours of the new regional leadership. It can also mark the titanic shift of power from the Centre to the states. As New Delhi ages, the states are getting new vigour and vitality. For the political animals who drink from the fountain of youth, the thirst for power is an unending obsession.

IDEOLOGIES ARE DEAD, LONG LIVE INDIVIDUALS

POWER & POLITICS

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IN a democracy, a government is the product of ideological conflict resolution. But not anymore. In most democracies today, individuals are ideologies themselves and voters often ignore their political outlook.

From Lucknow to Ludhiana, the skylines of poll-bound states are dominated by banners and hoardings of leaders pitching their political wares, most prominent among them being chief ministers eyeballing voters. There is no ideological idiom, only candidate cutouts. If one party is marketing a Dalit, another boasts of its candidate's non-dynastic credentials. During the past decade, every region has produced a new local Indira, Vajpayee or Modi, both as the party's face and unstoppable force. Outfits that couldn't manage the magic mask for mandate invariably flop at the hustings. The dominance of non-Gandhi personalities such as Mamata Banerjee, Naveen Patnaik, Jagan Mohan Reddy, M K Stalin and Chandrashekar Rao indicates the rise of homegrown leaders who can stall the saffron juggernaut stabled in New Delhi.

Hence, it is no wonder that for the first time, all parties have declared their CM candidates in the upcoming Assembly elections. Even the 135-year-old Congress needs a winnable face at both the state and the national level to ratchet up its score. Until now, the two national parties have been averse to naming their future helmsmen. But now, the BJP has almost declared its nominees in all four states it rules. Where it doesn't or even expects to grab even double digits, it has aligned with various factions to keep the saffron standard flapping in the winds of change.

The question now is not about which party will win, but who the new chief minister will be. Even in smaller states like Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Punjab, the symbols of governance and leadership are individuals like Charanjit Channi who was recently catapulted as Punjab's CM and is the front runner against veterans like Amarinder Singh and Sukhbir Singh Badal. This time, Sukhbir will be leading the Akali Dal for the first time since previous campaigns were captained by his father Parkash Singh Badal. AAP has announced former folk singer Bhagwant Mann for the catbird seat. Channi and Mann are the rising symbols of an aspirational Punjab which can see a generational and social transformation this election.

Barring last minute mergers and acquisitions, both the BJP and the Akalis are likely to surrender their unique space to rival parties piloted by new and younger faces. The growing demand for declaring the chief minister in advance has spurred the emergence of a younger leadership in most states. Of the dozen-odd aspirants, half are less than fifty years — Akhilesh Yadav and Yogi Adityanath in UP, Mann in Punjab, Pramod Sawant and Amit Palekar in Goa and Pushkar Singh Dhami in Uttarakhand. Amongst the seniors are Punjab's Amarinder Singh and Manipur's N Biren Singh.

Indian elections became personality driven from the day Indira Gandhi became the prime minister in 1966. For the next decade, votes were wooed in her name or against her. She imposed loyalists as Chief Ministers and changed them at will. Hardly any Congress CM could complete term. Son Rajiv and later Sonia followed Indira's policy of destabilising regional satraps, sparking massive desertions. Prodigals like Sharad Pawar, Mamata Banerjee, and VP Singh floated their own enterprises. A party, that ruled over two thirds of the states until the mid-'80s, was reduced to running just three states.

As the Congress shrank and its leadership fumbled, the BJP moved into the room. While Vajpayee and Advani expanded it's geographical and social base, it was Modi who stormed the nation, touting his distinct administrative skills. After creating national history in 2014, he went on to win state after state. By 2018, the BJP with its allies governed 18 states. Modi initiated a generational change in the BJP leadership. He picked younger people from nowhere to play significant roles in the party and the government. But in spite of his huge popularity, he couldn't defeat local leaders like Arvind Kejriwal, Naveen Patnaik and the Lalu-Nitish combo in state elections. The slogan of double engine not be enough to take on Yogi Adityanath or Akhilesh Yadav. Rahul Gandhi's defeat in 2019 at the hands of Smriti Irani in the party's pocket borough of Amethi was a clear indication of the party's weakening base in the state.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Remembering the doctor

Dr V Shanta who passed away on January 19 last year, the doctor who cared and cured cancer patients until her last breath. Dr V Shanta ,94, famously headed the Adyar Cancer Institute (Women's Indian Association - WIA). She remained an assiduous warrior and sedulous champion throughout her life against the deadly disease cancer and fought a relentless battle against it till her last breath. She was born into a family that produced two Nobel Laureates Sir C V Raman (grand uncle) and S Chandrasekar (uncle).

R Sampath, Chennai

Yemen's civil war

The oil politics in the Arabian Peninsula and the Arms sale ambitions of the super powers is not allowing to end the tragedy of Yemen. Be it the Houthi rebels or the State forces, the nation's own people are pitted against each other. After the drone attack by Houthi rebels in adjoining Abu Dhabi (UAE) killing two Indian and a Pakistani, the nations must show restraint.

Brij B Goyal, Ludhiana

Ranji Trophy faces neglect

It is sad that the BCCI has decided to cancel the prestigious Ranji Trophy tournament for the second successive domestic season *(BCCI has time for everything but Ranji Trophy, Jan 21)*, citing 'short window availability.' In modern day, how IPL is considered a huge platform for domestic cricketers to break into the national side, before the advent of white-ball cricket, performance in Ranji Trophy was the yardstick for players' entry into the Indian team. Cancellation of the premier domestic tournament will not only hit the up and coming cricketers financially, but also their future in the game.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

QUOTE CORNER

We need to go into emergency mode to bring peace to a world that sees too little of it. The UN will always stand with and protect those caught up in fighting and work to build stronger, more resilient and peaceful communities.

António Guterres, UN Secretary General

We didn't expect any major breakthroughs to happen, but I believe we (the US and Russia) are on a clearer path in terms of understanding each other's concerns, each others' positions. Let's see what the next days bring.

Antony Blinken, US Secretary of State

We are extremely concerned about the grave situation in Afghanistan. We must talk to the de facto authorities in the country. We cannot allow the political situation to lead to an even worse humanitarian disaster.

Anniken Huitfeldt, Norwegian Foreign Minister

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Kerala minister sets precedent

Kerala Industries Minister P Rajeeve is to be appreciated for his timely intervention on noticing a social media post of one Mini Maria Josy *(Minister comes to aid of a woman investor stonewalled by officials, Jan 22)*. Mini, an overseas-returned nurse, wanted to start a flour mill. The Kochi corporation put all possible obstacles to her as usual and even demanded a ₹25,000 fee. Following the ordeal, she gave up her plan and communicated her experience urging her colleagues not to venture on any project in Kerala. Similar experiences give wrong signals to prospective non-resident investors.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Amar Jawan Jyoti gambit

The Centre's move to merge the eternal flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the iconic India Gate with the eternal flame at the National War Memorial and install a statue of Subhash Chandra Bose at the India Gate as a symbol of India's "indebtedness" to him has triggered a political slugfest. While Congress bemoaned that putting out the flame could erase history, the TMC welcomed the Centre's decision to erect a statue of the iconic freedom fighter. However, the TMC asserted that it was a ploy to blunt the criticism arising from the Centre's rejection of Bengal's tableau on Netaji for the Republic Day parade.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Will Priyanka fizzle out in UP?

While Priyanka Gandhi is the most visible face in the party's UP campaign *(Priyanka congress face in UP polls', Jan 22)*, ostensibly discharging her role as the General Secretary in charge of the state, her likely nomination as the party's CM face is ludicrous as the Congress does not have a ghost of a chance of putting up a good show, leave alone getting enough seats to form the government. UP was once a happy hunting ground for the 'grand old party' but over time has lost confidence over voters as well as its cadre. Priyanka's charisma might just

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
After terrorising people of J&K into silence to create a false normalcy narrative, GOIs say situation still isn't normal is self contradictory

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
10 days to for #Budget2022 Elections coming in 5 states. By presenting the budget, BJP is again showing scant regard for #Parliament

Smriti Z Irani @smritiirani
As we complete 7 yrs of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, my gratitude to citizens of India for transforming the intiative into a Jan Andolan

Aspirants driving growth & removing barriers: PM

In interaction with aspirational districts, Modi says 1 & 1 become 11

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INTERACTING with district administrators on Saturday, PM Narendra Modi said when the aspirations of others 'become your aspirations' and when fulfilling dreams of others becomes 'the measure of your success', then that path of duty creates history.

In line with this, he said, "Aspirational districts are now eliminating barriers to the progress of the country and they have become accelerators for growth instead of impediments." Modi highlighted that for development in aspirational districts, there is need for direct connect between the administration and public at the emotional level.

Virtually interacting with some of the chief ministers and the District Magistrates, the PM said teamwork between the Centre, states and the district administration is yielding results in aspirational districts. Drawing the attention of officers towards the mindset of new India, the PM reiterated that today, during the *Azadi ka Amrit Kaal*, the country's goal is to achieve 100 per cent saturation of services and facilities.

PM Modi during his interaction with district magistrates on Saturday | PTI

Noting that the country has been witnessing a silent revolution in the form of Digital India and that no district should be left behind in this, he said a 'top to bottom' and 'bottom to top' flow of governance is needed. For this to happen, technology and innovation are the two important pillars, he added.

The PM said every district must learn from the success of others and also evaluate their challenges. Aspirational districts have proven that removing impediments in the implementation process can result in 'one and one becoming 11'.

Launched by the PM in January 2018, the aspirational districts programme aims to quickly and effectively transform 112 most under-developed districts across the country. Chief ministers of Gujarat, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh took part in the interaction.

CEO, NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant gave an overview of the progress of the aspirational district programme. He mentioned how the programme leveraged competitive and cooperative federalism. The interaction was aimed at taking direct feedback on progress and status of implementation of various schemes.

J&K PARTIES MISLEAD YOUTH: SHAH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ATTACKING opposition parties for "misleading" the people of Jammu and Kashmir, home minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Narendra Modi government had brought down violence, brought more investments, improved tourism, created new jobs and established more educational institutions than the 'families' that had ruled the erstwhile state for decades did.

"I want to ask those who raise questions that for so many years, three families (a reference to Abdullahs, Mufti and Lone) ruled Jammu and Kashmir. Then why didn't all these developments take place? What is the point of misleading the people? Employment and tourism are interlinked in J&K but there is a conspiracy by the opposition to keep youth away from employment so that tourists do not visit," Shah said.

The home minister reiterated that assembly elections in J&K will be held after the completion of the ongoing delimitation process and statehood will be restored once the situation becomes normal.

Virtually releasing India's first District Good Governance Index, Shah said multiple efforts are being made for the all-round development of J&K by the government. Shah said there has been a 40% reduction in terror-related incidents and 57% reduction in deaths since Article 370 was abrogated. J&K's budget has been increased from ₹9,000 crore to ₹21,000 crore. "No other state has got two-and-a-half times more budget. It shows J&K is a priority for Modi," he said.

Shah said the opposition was spreading lies for their narrow interests and urged people to not buy that. "Those saying that the Valley's land will be usurped should be asked whose land has been taken away so far? Those saying violence will increase should be asked whether it has gone up or reduced?"

J&K TERROR TALES

More incidents in Jammu suggests militants are forced to change plans

NATURE OF INCIDENTS	Incidents in Jammu in 2020	Incidents in Jammu in 2021	Incidents in Kashmir in 2020	Incidents in Kashmir in 2021
Grenade attacks	0	4	55	54
Encounters	10	11	108	89
IEDs/other explosive defused	6	18	32	33
Security personnel killed	3	14	44	8
Civilians killed by terrorists	0	1	32	36
Civilians killed in encounters	0	0	6	4
Terrorists killed	15	12	206	168
Terrorists and suspects arrested	23	47	305	264
Pistols recovered	39	52	202	164
RDX/explosive materials recovered (in kgs)	25.5	41.250	82	30.5
Wireless sets recovered	5	10	22	5

TWO MORE LeT MILITANTS KILLED

Srinagar: Two militants belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said. A police spokesman said based on a input regarding the presence of terrorists in Kilbal area, an operation was launched

Jammu violence more than Kashmir last year

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

IN what may seem to be a counter-intuitive trend, in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir it was Jammu, instead of Kashmir, which saw an upsurge in overall violence last year, compared to the previous year. A decline in terrorist incidents was reported from Kashmir during the same period.

According to data obtained from the home ministry, Jammu recorded higher recoveries of weapons, more attacks on security forces and more killings and arrests of terrorists.

Some officials attributed the increase in such incidents and arms hauls to the desperation of terror networks to open up new routes of infiltrating into the UT, as the security grid had been bolstered in the Valley following the attack on the Indian Air Force base in Pathankot last year. Some other officials and security experts said increased vigilance along the border and active anti-drone operations had resulted in higher number of seizure of arms and also helped in busting terror hideouts.

As per data, casualties of security forces in Jammu had gone up by as much as 4.6 times, with 14 personnel killed in 2021, compared to just three the previous year. The recovery of IEDs in Jammu had gone up in 2021 by three times, twice as many terrorists were arrested last year (47), compared to 2020 (23), recovery of RDX had gone up by 1.6 times and twice as many wireless sets were recovered from terrorists in 2021.

A senior intelligence official said this rise in activities in Jammu could be attributed to terror operatives trying to explore new routes to infiltrate, with forces foiling repeated bids to push in arms and cadre into the valley. "Poonch and Krishna sectors, both in Jammu region, emerged as the most preferred sectors for infiltration in the last three months of 2021 due to harsh winter and snowfall. This is one of the major factors for more terror incidents in Jammu last year," he said.

A senior CRPF official deployed in the Valley said seizure of more weapons was due to heightened drone activities by terror groups operating from Pakistan. "Terrorists have been making attempts to make some areas in Jammu active."

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Forgotten bravery tales in micro-level repository

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

WHAT price did a 12-year-old boy — Tileswari Barua — from Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur of Assam pay for the freedom of the country is not known to many, especially to those not from the state.

Barua was part of a group of freedom fighters — *mrityu vahini* — a suicide squad, which tried to unfurl the Tricolour at a police station on September 20, 1942. Fifteen people were killed in police firing, including Barua.

Contributions of Dr Satytyanarayan Vashist, a dentist from Gurugram, Ranjit Sitaram Pandit, a scholar and barrister from Rajkot, and Keshwa Prasad of Gaya, in the Independence movement are not well-known either.

Vashisht was jailed for participating in the Quit India Movement. Prasad was involved in the Civil Disobedience Movement and arrested in connection with an arms seizure incident. Pandit is another of those nearly-forgotten individuals who devoted their lives to the freedom movement. About 260 such stories related to individuals, incidents, places and organisations are available on Digital District Repository, created under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence.

The repository is an attempt to discover and document people, events, and places linked to the freedom struggle at the micro level. The culture ministry asked district collectors in all states for details of freedom fighters and heritage sites or places related to the freedom struggle, which find no mention in history books. "The ministry is receiving responses from all over. Many inspiring stories have been uploaded," said a ministry official.

PM expresses grief, says kin of victim will get ₹2 lakh each

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NANDA CHAVAN, a relative of an injured person, said the hospitals asked them to deposit money first before admitting the victims. "They even asked for Covid-19 RT-PCR tests. That consumed a lot of time while admitting the injured people," she added.

Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal said he has asked for a report in the next 15 days. It was alleged that some additions and alterations were being carried out. RTI activist Anil Galgali claimed the BMC's fire brigade department does not carry out fire audits of buildings. "I had sought fire audit reports on 1 January 2018, but they are yet to furnish the details," he said.

PM Narendra Modi expressed grief over the tragedy and said ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each would be provided to the family of the deceased from the PMNRF. Maharashtra Tourism Minister Aaditya Thackeray went to the site and said the state would give a compensation of ₹5 lakh each to the families of those who lost their lives.

No doctor death yet in third wave of Covid pandemic, says IMA

	ACTIVE CASES IN INDIA	OMICRON CASES IN INDIA	RISE IN OMICRON CASES	DAILY RECOVERY RATE	DAILY POSITIVITY RATE
JAN 21	20,18,825	9,692	4.36%	93.50%	17.94%
JAN 22	21,13,365	10,050	3.69%	93.31%	17.22%

Vaccination in progress at a health centre in Patna on Saturday | PTI

KAVITA BAJELI DATT @ New Delhi

HUNDREDS of doctors have been infected in the third Covid-19 wave propelled by the Omicron variant. There has been no deaths, according to the Indian Medical Association (IMA). The second Covid-19 wave last year had claimed the lives of 700 doctors.

The national voluntary body of doctors has intensified its campaign among health and frontline workers, urging them to take the precautionary or booster shots to bolster the fight against the virus.

Till January 20, about 35 lakh health workers were eligible for the precautionary dose. Of these, 22.66 lakh or 63% have taken the shots. Around 33 lakh frontline workers were due to take booster shots and 19.14 lakh or 58% have got them.

Dr Sahajanand Prasad Singh, national president of IMA, which looks after the interest of doctors and their well-being, said no doctor deaths were reported till January 21, confirming that the Omicron variant is less virulent and mild as compared to the Delta variant.

"Though Covid infected scores of doctors in these 21 days, the good news is that after a few days of recovery, they have joined work. Some even carried out surgeries," Dr Singh told this newspaper. The government rolled out booster shots on January 10.

As the uptake was less, the Union health ministry stepped up its engagement with state governments, doctors and medical associations to carry out awareness campaigns to encourage and motivate the medical community to take the doses. Booster shots can be taken nine months or 39 weeks after the second dose.

In a virtual meeting of health minister Mansukh Mandaviya and IMA leaders, booster doses for health and frontline workers were stressed. "These are the need of the hour as it doubly protects health and frontline workers," said Dr Singh.

EXPRESS READ

Appeal in SC against pre-poll freebie promise

New Delhi: A PIL was filed in the Supreme Court seeking direction to the Election Commission of India to seize election symbols and deregister political parties that promised to distribute irrational freebies from public funds. The PIL filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay claimed political parties' arbitrarily promise freebies for wrongful gain and to lure voters. This amounts to bribery, he said. The plea claimed that promise or distribution of irrational freebies from public funds before elections could unduly influence the voters, shake the roots of a free and fair election and disturb the level playing field.

Canada victims from Gujarat, trafficking probe on

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

FOUR Indians who froze to death in Canada belonged to a family in north Gujarat's Kalol taluka in Gandhinagar district, preliminary investigation revealed.

On Thursday, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said that the bodies of four persons — two adults, a teen and an infant — were found on the Canadian side of the US-Canada border in Manitoba province.

Sources said a local agent and his aide had a role in illegally sending members of the Patel family to the US. A Crime Branch team reached Kalol to investigate further.

Sources in New Delhi said the Indian mission are in touch with Canadian authorities for ascertaining the details of the tragedy. The post-mortem of the victims is likely to be done on January 24.

US authorities have detained seven people without proper documentation, as well as one US citizen, for allegedly being involved in human smuggling activity from Canada to the US, they said.

Confirming the nationality of the deceased, India's High Commissioner to Canada, Ajay Bisaria described it as a grave tragedy. "An Indian consular team is travelling from Indian Toronto to Manitoba to coordinate and help. We will work with Canadian authorities to investigate this event," he tweeted.

According to a criminal complaint filed in a court in the US state of Minnesota, foreign nationals found on the US side spoke in Gujarati.

Manitoba RCMP was notified by US Customs and Border Protection on Wednesday morning that a group of people had crossed over the border and one of the adults was carrying items intended for a baby, but there was no infant with the group

UTTARAKHAND OPERATION

Four held for helping Punjab blast accused

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) in a joint operation with Udham Singh Nagar district police on Saturday arrested four men who allegedly provided accommodation and other assistance to the accused in the last year's Punjab bomb blasts case.

The blasts accused, Sukhpreet Singh aka Sukh, is on the run, said the police. In November last year Pathankot, Navashehar and Ludhiana in Punjab were rocked by explosions.

Ajay Singh, senior superintendent of police, STF said: "We have recovered a .32 bore pistol and a car from their (the four arrested men) possession and booked them under Section 25 (1A) of the Arms Act 1959 and Section 19 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) 1967. The four accused have been produced in court. We have also informed the central agencies and the Punjab police."

The four arrested men were identified as Shamsher Singh alias Shera (26), Harpreet Singh alias Happy (24), Gurpal Singh alias Guri Dhillon (24) and Ajmer Singh alias Laddi.

Police said they are associated with Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF), and were in contact with handlers in Australia, Serbia and Canada via internet and WhatsApp calling.

The STF official said last November, there were two terror incidents. In one, unidentified persons hurled grenades in Pathankot while another grenade attack took place outside an army camp in the same city.

Barinderjit Singh, senior superintendent of police, Udham Singh Nagar district, said: "After an intel was shared by the Punjab Police, we started a joint operation with the STF. Raids were conducted at suspected hideouts in Pantnagar town from where we nabbed the four accused."

APPEAL

Bring back our son, Arunachal boy's parents urge PM

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

KUTJIT Taron's tears have dried up but she does not stop craving for her son, Miram, who was allegedly abducted by China's People's Liberation Army on January 18.

The 17-year-old was taken into custody at the fuzzy India-China border in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

His mother is inconsolable and has taken ill while the father, Opang Taron, is making desperate appeals to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to secure the teenager's release.

"She has virtually stopped eating and is going through hypertension," a worried Opang told this newspaper on Saturday. He is a farmer and father of four sons. "I appeal to PM Modi to bring my son back. He did not intrude into Chinese territory," Opang said.

Parents and the eldest brother of Miram Taron | EXPRESS

His mobile phone has never been so busy. Not just friends, neighbours and relatives, officials from the district administration and the army are also calling him frequently.

"We have a puja in mid-February where, as per practice, my sisters would offer rice cakes and local brew to me and I would give them dry meat. As the meat needs to be dried up before being gifted, Miram had gone out to hunt a wild animal," said the father.

NO TO MAHARANA STATUE

AIMIM MP Imtiaz Jaleel has opposed a planned statue of Maharana Pratap in Maharashtra's Aurangabad city, saying the money should be rather spent on a military school in the Rajput king's name

650 KG ADULTERATED PANEER SEIZED FROM MAHARASHTRA DAIRY

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	17	08	Mumbai	25	18
Bhopal	23	08	Panaji	27	19
Jaipur	18	05	Patna	21	14
Amritsar	12	11	Lucknow	19	12
Chennai	32	25	Port Blair	29	22
Kolkata	24	19	Imphal	20	08
Srinagar	05	01	Chandigarh	16	06

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

Cong first list for Manipur names 12 sitting MLAs

Guwahati: There is no surprise in the Congress's first list of 40 candidates for Manipur elections released on Saturday. No sitting MLA was denied ticket. The list has 12 sitting MLAs and three Muslim candidates. sources said the names of remaining 20 candidates would be declared soon. Congress sources said the list had the names of three-four young candidates. The party has not fielded any actor, singer, sportsperson, activist etc. The party had earlier sent a list of 52 candidates to the central leaders.

Cong leaders in Punjab part of mafia: Captain

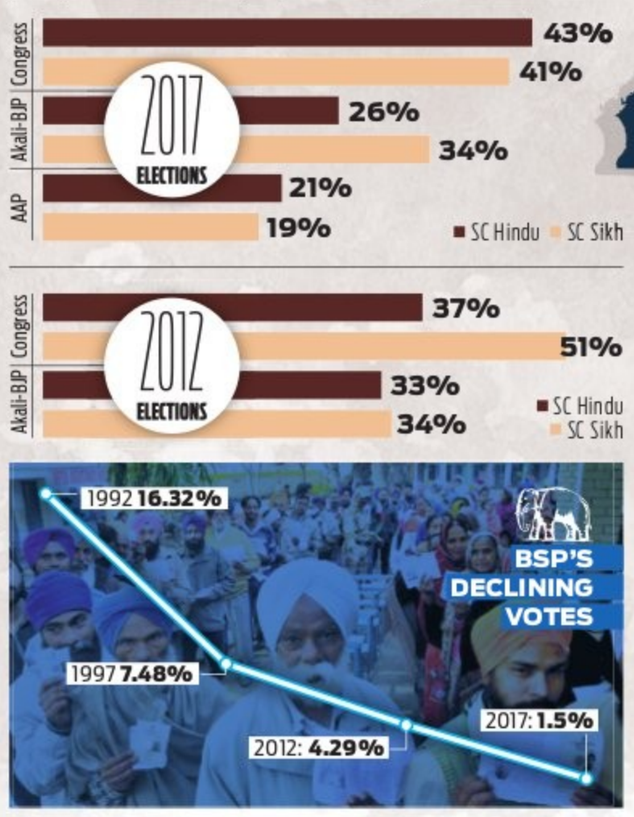
Chandigarh: Dismissing Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's denial of involvement in illegal sand mining as a "total lie", former CM Captain Amarinder Singh on Saturday said when he was the chief minister he had received specific inputs that Channi had a share in the sand mafia, along with several other Congress leaders and MLAs in the state. "From top to bottom, right up to the level of senior ministers, many people were involved, as I had told Sonia Gandhi while I was chief minister," Amarinder said.

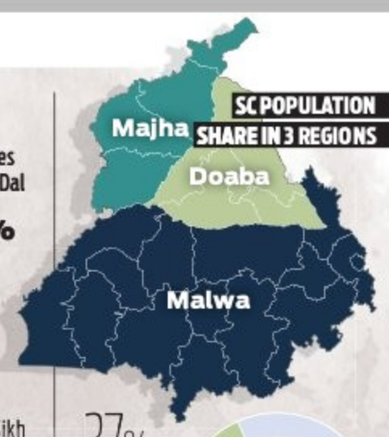
Former Goa CM Parsekar to quit BJP & contest as independent candidate

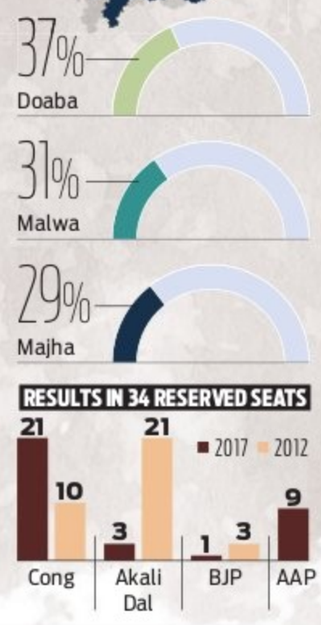
Mumbai: The ruling BJP's list of candidates for the upcoming Goa election has triggered a set of desertions in the party. After being denied ticket, Laxmikant Parsekar, former chief minister, on Saturday said he would formally quit the party on Sunday and contest as an independent candidate from Mandrem constituency. Parsekar said he doesn't have a party ticket but has the "people's ticket". "I feel that people want me to contest and I am getting ready for it. I just have asked for two days to finish some pending party works. I will go as an independent candidate," he said. Parsekar said he was approached by some parties, but he declined the offer. He became Goa's CM in 2014 when the then CM Manohar Parrikar was elevated to the Union cabinet.

DIVIDED COMMUNITY

The February 20 Assembly polls are likely to follow past trends of SC votes getting divided between Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and Shiromani Akali Dal







CASTE ASIDE IN PUNJAB ELECTORAL POLITICS

Scheduled Caste population is maximum in the state but because its votes are divided, it isn't a political force to reckon with

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

PUNJAB has the largest density of Scheduled Caste population in the country, over 33% are spread across the state as per the 2011 census. This should translate into a huge vote bank, enough to swing votes and decide the fate of elections. But the reality is that because all the political parties vie for their votes, the community is divided, fragmented and disjointed, making them bit players on the electoral field.

The February 20 Assembly polls are likely to follow past trends of SC votes getting divided between Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and Shiromani Akali Dal, which has now allied with the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party.

Of the 117 seats in the state Assembly, 34 are reserved. In the 2017 polls, Congress won the most with 21 seats, followed by AAP 9, SAD 3 and BJP one. In 2012, SAD had won 21 of these seats, followed by Congress 10 and BJP 3.

Congress factored in the caste configuration when it selected Charanjit Singh Channi, an SC, as the chief minister in a state where the majority Sikhs are supposed to be a caste-less community.

Paradoxically, the vote share of BSP that champions the cause of the SCs nose-dived to 1.5% in 2017 from 4.29% in 2012. Punjab is the birthplace of the party's founder, Kanshi Ram. The BSP has said if the SAD-BSP alliance comes to power, it will appoint an SC as Deputy CM. The BSP is losing its vote share since the 2004 general election when it got 7.67%.

In terms of seats too, the party's record has been dismal: In 1992 Assembly elections, which the Akalis boycotted, BSP won nine seats with a vote share of 16.32% and won one Lok Sabha seat. The BJP, too, has announced that if the party comes to power, it will be appoint an SC as Deputy CM. Som Parkash, a prominent SC leader from Punjab, is the Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry. Another SC leader, Vijay Sampla, is chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

The AAP has given the post of Leader of the Opposition in Punjab to an SC, Harpal Singh Cheema, and promised the Deputy CM's post to the community if voted to power. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal has promised to provide free education to children from the SC community, besides bearing their coaching fees for higher studies, if his party is voted to power.

The SC community has 39 sub-castes and of these, five constitute more than 80% of the SC population: Mazhabi Sikhs 30%, Ravidasias 24% cent, Ad Dharmis 11%, Valmiki 10% and 6% Rai Sikhs as per a report by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released in 2018.

Of the 117 seats, the Doaba region comprising 23 seats is home to the maximum SCs at 37%. This is followed by 31% in the Malwa region with 69 seats and 29% in Majha with 25.

Pramod Kumar, director of the Institute of Development Studies, said there is no exclusive SC vote bank in Punjab. "They are represented in all parties historically. The appointment of Channi as CM might give a psychological edge to a section of the SC population, but it may not convert into votes."

Kumar said the biggest reason why SC votes are fragmented is that the voters do not follow any particular ideology. This is also the reason why BSP has failed to attract SC votes.

Ronki Ram of Panjab University, an expert on SC politics, said the community does not vote en bloc. "The Channi factor will hardly work. A chunk of votes can also go to the farmers' party, Sanyukt Samaj Morcha, especially in Malwa region," said Ram.

Shah says more than 300 seats in UP, hits the ground running in Kairana

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

UNION Home Minister and senior BJP poll strategist Amit Shah on Saturday hit the ground in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh by launching a door-to-door campaign in Kairana. Canvassing votes for party candidate Mriganka Singh, Shah reiterated the slogan of *'abki baar 300 paar'* (this time beyond 300 seats).

The senior BJP leader also met a number of families which had returned to the town after migrating out due to threats from local criminals.

Candidate Singh, daughter of prominent Gurjar leader late Hukum Singh who represented the seat for four consecutive terms from 1996 to 2012, is locked in a straight contest with the Samajwadi Party candidate in Kairana.

In 2017, Mriganka Singh had lost the seat to SP's Nahid Hassan, who has been repeated by the SP this year but is currently in jail in connection with a case under the Gangster Act.

Consequently, Hassan's sister, Iqra, has filed her nomination as an independent. She may contest as SP-supported candidate if Hassan fails to pass his nomination owing to his criminal antecedents.

Speaking to media persons in Kairana, Shah said he interacted with as many as 11 members of one Mittal family who informed him that they no longer lived in fear. He added that the family was forced to leave Uttar Pradesh earlier due to law and order situation.

"I can see the confidence in the people of UP. In the days to come, this is going to be the most developed state of India," said Shah while heaping praise on CM Yogi Adityanath.

"If law and order in UP has to be upheld, appeasement has to be ended, tradition of working for one caste has to be ended and robust development has to be taken forward," he said.

Union minister Amit Shah campaigns in Kairana, UP, on Saturday | TWITTER

Never said party's CM face in UP, says Priyanka

A day after dropping a hint that she is party's face in UP, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Saturday said she never said that she will be the party's CM face and her reaction was out of irritation after being repeatedly asked about it.

VIRUS METER JAN 21 JAN 22

	UTTAR PRADESH		MANIPUR		GOA		PUNJAB		UTTARAKHAND	
Fresh cases	NA	16,740	415	571	2,668	2,691	7,792	7,699	4,964	4,759
Deaths	NA	16	2	2	9	8	28	33	8	7
Positivity rate (%)	NA	7.06	NA	NA	37	37.22	17.95	16.65	21.60	12.48

Congress survey says AAP is gaining fast in Punjab

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

THE Aam Aadmi Party is giving a tough fight to the ruling Congress in the Punjab assembly elections and the Arvind Kejriwal-led party is likely to gain with the announcement of party MP Bhagwant Mann as the chief ministerial face in the Malwa region, according to an internal assessment by the Congress.

The initial note a month before the scheduled polling showed that the party gained the people's support by replacing Amarinder Singh with Charanjit Singh Channi as the CM but with Mann entering the fray for the top post, things are changing on the ground and it could favour the AAP in its stronghold in Malwa.

Mann is an MP from Sangrur that falls in the same region and the AAP had won 18 of the 20 seats in the last assembly elections from Malwa. The region has 69 of the 117 assembly seats. The AAP has fielded Mann from the Dhuri seat and he has challenged Channi to contest against him.

On the ongoing tussle between Channi and state party chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, the party's assessment shows that it is not going down well with the people on the ground and the opposition parties are also leaving no stone unturned to use it while campaigning.

"The AAP is gaining ground fast in Punjab. Channi as the chief minister will help the party but with Mann projected as the CM, it is going to help the AAP. They named him only to balance the gains we could have got from a Scheduled Caste CM," Congress sources said.

The assessment also showed that the AAP was expected to gain in the Malwa region and that would help in the party balancing the party's performance in the other two regions of Majha and Doaba.

It's official, SP chief to contest from Karhal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

FORMER Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav will contest the Assembly elections from his family's traditional stronghold of Karhal in Mainpuri district.

While Akhilesh was interacting with media persons in Lucknow on Saturday, his uncle and SP general secretary Ram Gopal Yadav made a formal announcement that the SP chief would contest the upcoming election from Karhal seat in Mainpuri. Mainpuri is the Lok Sabha constituency of SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav. He is representing Mainpuri in the Lok Sabha for the fifth term since 2019.

SP has been winning Karhal since 2007. Even before that, except 2002, the seat has been in SP fold as it has a dominant Yadav population and is just five km away from Akhilesh's native village Saifai.

Bihar MLC polls could spell trouble for NDA

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

AMID rising dissension among the NDA partners in Bihar, the BJP on Saturday announced it will contest on 13 out of the 24 seats in the Bihar Legislative Council election.

The election is to be held in March-April this year and the date is likely to be announced by the end of this month.

Talking to media, Deputy CM Tarkishore Prasad said political parties contest the election as per their strength in the Assembly. The BJP will contest all its seats that fell vacant, he said after a meeting of the core committee of the party on Saturday. These seats fell vacant in July last year, but elections could not be held due to the surge in Covid cases.

Of the 24 vacant eats, 13 seats belonged to the BJP, 8 to JD-U, 2 to RJD and 1 to Congress. With BJP not in a mood to budge to the pressure of its allies — JD-U, VIP and HAM— discontent among them is inevitable.

Vikassheel Inssan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani is miffed with two cabinet seats not allotted to the VIP and also not giving him full six year tenure in the legislative council.

RLJP led by Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras has staked claim for some seats in the MLC elections. RLJP is part of the NDA government at the Centre. The HAM led by former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi has also asked for seats.

Guna MP says Scindia loyalists sidelining him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

GUNA Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh, a pocket borough of the powerful Gwalior royals, is in news for friction between two factions of the ruling BJP.

BJP MP from the seat, K P Yadav, has written to the party's national president JP Nadda alleging that MP ministers loyal to his former political mentor and present Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia have been sidelining and ignoring him and other committed leaders and workers at party and government programmes in his constituency.

Yadav had defeated Scindia, then a four-time Congress MP, by a massive margin in the 2019 general election. His letter, although written last month, got leaked on Friday and became viral.

In his letter, Yadav said his name was not being suitably mentioned on plaques of government projects unveiled by those ministers.

"Many of the plaques and banners on which my name wasn't mentioned suitably in line with protocol, pertained to projects and work which were sanctioned under central government schemes owing to my efforts," Yadav wrote.

"The public representatives loyal to him (Scindia) and his ministers are even boycotting government meetings chaired by me," the MP claimed, adding that such developments ultimately leading to factionalism in party ranks.

Confirming having conveyed his grievances to the BJP brass, the Guna MP said, "If my rights as an MP are violated, it's my duty to inform it to my party's top leadership."

PM opens new circuit house near Somnath temple

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated a new circuit house near Somnath temple on Saturday. The temple is visited by lakhs of devotees from every year. The PM said, "The need for the new circuit house was felt as the existing government facility was located far off from the temple." The facility has been built at a cost of over `30 crore. The 48-room four-storey building is equipped with VIP and deluxe rooms, conference room, auditorium hall, etc. PM Modi, who is also the chairman of the Shree Somnath Temple Trust, said the new circuit house will address the shortage of accommodation facilities here.

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NGT forms panel to probe Surat chemical disaster

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a committee to look into the chemical disaster at Sachin GIDC in Surat on January 6, which killed six people and asphyxiated 25 others. The move follows a petition filed by the Surat-based Brackish Water Research Centre (BWRC) alleging failure of the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) in preventing illegal discharge of toxic chemicals into open drains. Meanwhile, a bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel formed a committee under Justice B C Patel. The bench directed the committee to look into the matter and furnish a report within two months. The NGT has ordered the chief secretary to review the compliance and status of hazardous waste management rules in the state and take steps to address the shortcomings.

Ex-CM Rupani vs BJP president C R Patil again?

In a surprise move, the ruling BJP in the state has asked the chairpersons of five boards and corporations to resign. In all, the 12 office-bearers are said to be close aides of former chief minister Vijay Rupani, and had been appointed when the latter was helming the top post. Besides, BJP insiders said the party state chief C R Patil is in the works to appoint his own confidants as replacements to all the boards and corporations soon. In fact, Patil had reviewed the working of the chairmen and then sought their resignations himself, sources said.

BJP forms committee to raise election funds

BJP state unit president C R Patil has a formed a committee to manage the party's finances. Such a committee has never been formed in the history of Gujarat BJP and this is Patil's experiment. The main function of this committee will be to raise and manage election funds. Other than Patil, the committee will include Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, party general secretary Ratnakar, treasurer Surendra Patel and co-treasurer Dharmendra Patel. Sources said the committee will now expedite the fund-raising process for the BJP in the coming days. Earlier, the BJP used to take funds from corporates and industrialists and through crowdfunding programmes.

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Chinese passenger flights from America suspended in response to restrictive moves by Beijing on US carriers

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	1	-5	LC	Los Angeles	23	9	SNY
Colombo	30	23	SNY	Melbourne	32	20	SNY
Dhaka	25	18	LC	Moscow	-5	-12	LC
Dubai	23	15	SNY	New York	2	-7	LC
Houston	10	7	LC	Singapore	32	24	LC
Istanbul	3	-2	SW	Toronto	-6	-14	LC
London	6	2	LC	Washington	0	-7	SNY

Russia toughens posture amid Ukraine tensions

Military muscle-flexing reflects Kremlin attempt to halt NATO expansion

MOSCOW

WITH tens of thousands of Russian troops positioned near Ukraine, the Kremlin has kept the US and its allies guessing about its next moves in the worst security crisis to emerge between Moscow and the West since the Cold War.

Amid fears of an imminent attack on Ukraine, Russia has further upped the ante by announcing more military drills in the region. It also has refused to rule out the possibility of military deployments to the Caribbean, and President Vladimir Putin has reached out to leaders opposed to the West.

The military muscle-flexing reflects a bold attempt by the Kremlin to halt decades of NATO expansion after the end of the Cold War. In talks with the United States, Russia demands legally binding guarantees that the alliance will not embrace Ukraine and other former Soviet nations, or place weapons there. It also wants NATO to pull back its forces from countries in Central and Eastern Europe that joined the alliance since the 1990s.

Putin has described NATO membership for Ukraine and the others as well as the alliance's weapons deployments there as a red line for Moscow, warning that he would order unspecified 'military-technical measures' if the demands aren't met.

An Ukrainian Military Forces serviceman walks along a snow covered trench on the frontline with the Russia-backed separatists near Zolote village | AFP

Putin pointed to NATO drills with the Ukrainian military, increasingly frequent visits of the alliance warships in the Black Sea and the flights of US bombers near Crimea to emphasize the urgency of Russia's security demands. He argued that by creating training centres in Ukraine, Western powers can establish a military foothold there even without its joining NATO.

"We have nowhere to retreat," Putin said. "They have taken it to the point where we simply must tell them: Stop!"

Russia, which annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, has denied it intends to attack its neighbour. Last year, however, Putin issued a stark warning that an attempt by Ukraine to reclaim control of the areas in the east controlled by Russia-backed separatists would have 'grave consequences for Ukrainian statehood'.

While Ukrainian authorities denied planning such offensive, US intelligence officials concluded that Russia had already deployed operatives to carry out acts of sabotage in the rebel east and blame them on Ukraine in a 'false-flag operation' to create a pretext for possible invasion. Russia has rejected the claim as 'total disinformation'.

Putin has repeatedly asserted that Russians and Ukrainians are 'one people', and says large chunks of Ukrainian territory are historic parts of Russia. *AP*

Death of Indian family in blizzard tragic: Trudeau

TORONTO

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said that his government was doing all it can and working 'very closely' with the US to stop human smuggling, a day after a family of four Indians, including a baby, died from exposure to extreme cold weather on the Canadian side of the border with America.

Terming the incident as a "mind blowing" tragedy, Trudeau on Friday said that the Canadian government is doing all it can to stop people-smuggling across the US border. "It was an absolutely mind-blowing story. It's so tragic to see a family die like that, victims of human traffickers' and of people who took advantage of their desire to build a better life," Trudeau told a news conference. "This is why we are doing all we can to discourage people from crossing the border in an irregular or illicit manner. We know there are great risks in doing so," he said.

The prime minister said that Canada was working very closely with the United States to stop smuggling and help people "taking unacceptable risks".

According to Canadian officials, the incident was unusual as illegal migrants generally try to cross into Canada from America, rather than the other way round. Border crossings into Canada on foot increased in 2016 following the election of Donald Trump as the president of the United States. *PTI*

Kishida, Biden agree to hold Quad Summit in Japan in spring

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

JAPANESE PM Fumio Kishida said that Japan would host a meeting of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) Summit, which groups US, Japan, Australia and India, in spring this year. US President Joe Biden accepted this invitation and indicated his intention to visit in late spring. One of the objectives of the Quad meeting would be to review progress of a pledge to supply one billion vaccine doses to Southeast Asia by the end of 2022.

"We agreed to work together to advance cooperation among like-minded countries to realise a free and open Indo-Pacific,"' PM Kishida said after the meeting, adding that they also agreed to closely cooperate on China-related issues — which included the East and South China Seas, Hong Kong and Xinjiang Uyghur (autonomous region), as well as North Korea's nuclear and missile issues. President Biden tweeted, "It was an honour to meet with PM Kishida to further strengthen US-Japan Alliance — the cornerstone of peace and security in the Indo-Pacific and around the world."

The two had an in-depth discussion on China, sharing concerns about its intimidation of neighbours and 'predatory' steps in trade and other realms. India's role will be significant in the Quad summit. "India's role is 'critical' in both pushing back China and advancing an affirmative vision of the Indo-Pacific," said Laura Rosenberger (US National Security Council, Senior Director for China) while speaking at the launch of Strategic Asia 2020-21, on Wednesday.

Influential Zen Buddhist monk Hanh dies at 95

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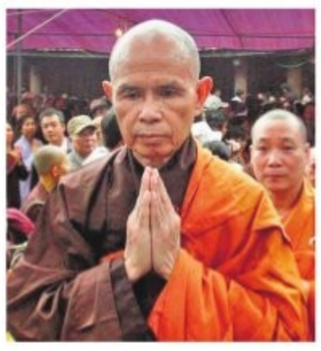

THICH Nhat Hanh, the revered Zen Buddhist monk who helped spread the practice of mindfulness in the West and socially engaged Buddhism in the East, has died at 95. The death was confirmed by a monk at Tu Hieu Pagoda in Hue, Vietnam who said that Nhat Hanh, known as Thay to his followers, died at midnight on Saturday.

Born as Nguyen Xuan Bao in 1926 in Hue and ordained at age 16, Nhat Hanh distilled Buddhist teachings on compassion and suffering into easily grasped guidance over a lifetime dedicated to working for peace.

The Dalai Lama said he was saddened by the death of "his spiritual brother". "In his peaceful opposition to the Vietnam War, his support for Martin Luther King and his dedication to sharing with others not only how mindfulness and compassion contribute to inner peace, but also how individuals cultivating peace of mind contribute to genuine world peace, the Venerable lived a truly meaningful life," he said. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients Sri. Ajay Kumar and Smt. Soni Kumari, both are residing at : No. SMQ 66/2, Air Force Station, Chimney Hills, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore 560090 have negotiated to buy the Schedule property here under which is presently owned by Sri. K. Chenchaiah, Residing at: No. 76, Chenchala Lakshmi, Kammgondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560 015.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within eight days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of all that Residential propertybearing No. 05, out of Site No. 04 and 05, Old 'B' Block, New 'D' Block, formed out of Assessment No.68, Situated at Kammgondanahalli Village Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the revenue and administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 12, Site measuring East to West : 30-0 feet and North to South :40-0feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq., ft., and bounded on :

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Site No. 04,
West by : Road (Old Site No. 06),
North by : Road,
South by : Site No. 08.

Bangalore
Dated: 22/01/2022
MALLIKA.B, Advocate
No. 203, 2nd Floor,
Saraswathipuram Main Road,
Nandinilayout,
Bangalore- 560 096. Ph: 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client Sri . S. Megavarnan, S/o. Sri. P. Subramani, residing at no. 97, 4thCross, 2nd Block, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bangalore 560 015 have negotiated to buy the Schedule property hereunder which is presently owned by Smt. Sridevi, W/o. Sri. P. Krishnareddy, residing at No. 18, 2nd Cross, Narasimhaiah, A. Narayanapura, Bangalore 560 016.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within eight days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of all that Residential Site bearing No. 2 'B' Block, Kaneshumari No. 736, formed out of Assessment No. 68, Situated at Kammagondanahalli Village Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously CMC Dasarahalli, Ward No. 03, Now comes under the revenue and administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 12, Site measuring East to West: 30-0 feet, North to South : 40-0 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq., ft., and bounded on the :-

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Site No.01 ('B' Block) Kaneshumari No.735;
West by :Site No. 03 ('B' Block) Kaneshumari No.737;
North by : Private Property;
South by : Road.

Bangalore
Dated: 22/01/2022
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Canara Bank, Byatarayanapur Branch** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : H S Anil Dwaithi S/o H S Subbarao **and Guarantor: Senthil Kumar** S/o S Ananjhari Krishnan

Total amount mentioned in the Possession notice : Rs. 17,97,151.74/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty One And Paisa Seventy Four Only) (and interest thereon)

Demand Notice Dated : 27-08-2021 **Possession Notice Date: 18.01.2022**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that Piece and parcel of land and Building Existing and or to Constructed Thereon in Survey no 396 Situated at Kempapura Village Yalahanka Hobli Bangalore North Measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 40ft Total 1200Sqft, Bounded on : On the North by: Site No 381; On the South by: Road; On the East by : Site No 397; On the West by : Site No 395.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Veerappa PS and Guarantor: Kamala SB W/o Veerappa .

Total amount mentioned in the Possession notice : Rs. 75,76,819/-(Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Only) and interest thereon

Demand Notice Dated : 27-08-2021 **Possession Notice Date: 18.01.2022**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that Piece and parcel Eastern Portion of Site Bearing No 31 Old No 59/7 Bommanahalli CMC Khatha No 286 Asst No 59/7 Presently Within the Jurisdiction of BBMP With New No 286/31 Situated in Viratnagar Bommanahalli Bangalore Measuring East to West 15ft and North to South 40ft, Bounded on: On the North by : 25ft Road; On the South by : Site Bearing No 45; On the East by: Site Bearing No 32; On the West by : Remaining Portion of Site No 31.

Date : 18.01.2022 Sd/-Authorized Officer
Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **PHILIP.J**, aged about 28 years, R/at. No.10/2, 6D Main, 4th Cross, Prakashnagar, VTC: Bangalore North, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560 021, hereby declare that my names **PHILIP.J & PHILLIP BENIZ** are one and the same names which belongs to me itself only. In future I use my name as **PHILIP.J** only. Vide affidavit dated: 13-12-2021, sworn before Notary **Shreeshail B. Gobbani**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENEZIA SALLY** R/at No.33, M M Road, Opp Football Ground, Pulikeshi Nagar, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name to **VENEZIA SALLY VERGIS** vide affidavit dated:19/01/2022 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) CHENNA BASSAMMA METHUKU, W/o. Methuku Eshwaraiah, residing at Flat No. 304, 4th Floor, Anubhandana Sai Venkat Apt, Bettahalsuru, Bangalore-562157, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) CHENNA BASSAMMA METHUKU** to **(NEW NAME) CHENNA BASAVAMMA METHUKU** vide affidavit Dated 13/01/2022 sworn before Notary B.S.Padma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kootagal Nagamangalaiah Shivakumara** (Old Name) S/o. Nagamangalaiah K. V., aged about 46 years, R/at. No. 47/1, Shivanivasa, Kempegowda Road, Near LG Godown, Sapthagiri Layout, Pattanagere Village, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 098 have changed my name as **SHIVAKUMAR K. N.** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 19.01.2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SUSHMITHA NAYAK, residing at No. 11, 3rd Cross, Near Sri Krishna International School, Balajinagar, Kathriguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUSHMITHA NAYAK** to **(NEW NAME) SUSHMITHA MANJUNATHA NAYAK** vide affidavit Dated 22/01/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Karnataka Bank Ltd,** the Secured Creditor on **22.11.2019,** will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.02.2022,** for recovery of **Rs.4,03,27,604.59 [Rupees Four Crores Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Four and Paisa Fifty Nine Only] i.e., Rs.94,56,720.77 under PSTL A/c No.0627001800034601** along with future interest from **07.01.2022, Rs.26,11,918.12 under PSTL A/c No.0627001800035501** along with future interest from **03.01.2022,** and **Rs.2,82,58,965.70 under PSOD A/c No. 0627000600108001** along with future interest from **01.01.2022,** plus costs due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd – Bengaluru Minerva Circle Branch,** the Secured creditor from – **(1) M/s Leo Contech Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Directors: (a) Mr. Mahendra Raju (b) Mrs. Deepika Gururaju, Addressed at:** No.28, Mantri Webcity, Byrathy, Kothnur Post, Hennur Road, Bengaluru–560077, **(2) Mr. Mahendra Raju,** S/o Mr. M Ramaswamy Raju, **(3) Mrs. Deepika Gururaju,** W/o Mr. Mahendra Raju, **Both No. 2 and 3 are addressed at:** No. 526, II Main, III Block, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru – 560094, **(4) Mr. N Gururaju,** S/o Mr. C.Narasaraju, No.1975, South End "D" Cross, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru – 560069, being the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor.

Reserve Price / Upset Price below which the property may not be sold: Rs.2,77,75,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Seven Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)

Description of Property/ies	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & time of Auction
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.1593, New Corporation No. 1593/9, **measuring 1455 sq.ft** (East West – 48'6", North South 30'0"), with Residential Building constructed thereon [GF+FF +PartlySF] measuring total **BUA 1476 Sq.ft as per plan, 2500 Sq.ft** as per actual, situated at 11th 'A' Main Road, 36th Cross, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Corporation Ward No. 58, Behind Jayanagar Head Post Office, Bengaluru –560041, belonging to **Mr. Gururaju N. Boundaries of Property (As per deed / Actual): East by:** Road/11th A Main Road, **West by :** Site No.1576/ Commercial building, **North by:** Site No.1594 / 2 Floor residential building, **South by :** Site No.1592 / 2 Floor residential building.	Rs. 2,77,75,000.00 (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Seven Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)	Rs.27,77,500.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	10.02.2022 from 3.40 P.M to 4.00 P.M

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie., https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/ on 10.02.2022 from 3.40 P.M. to 4.00 P.M** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending Bidder is required to register their name at **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e online training on e-auction **(tentatively on 09.02.2022)** from **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd, Registered & Corporate Office: B-705, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006, Help Line: (O) 079-68136837/80/42, (Mobile) 9265562818/21/19, Contact Person: Mr.Ram Prasad Sharma (Assistant Manager), Mail Id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net /support@auctiontiger.net, Mobile No: +91 9978591888.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of **City Union Bank Ltd.** as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount as mentioned below and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Najeeb Ulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Shafi Ulla Khan, No.745/1, Yarab Nagar, 1st Block, 4th Cross, Hunasanahalli Main Road, Opp. Water Tank, Ramanagara - 571511. No.2) Mrs. Shajakhan Khanum, W/o. Mr. Najeeb Ulla Khan, No.745/1, Yarab Nagar, 1st Block, 4th Cross, Hunasanahalli Main Road, Opp. Water Tank, Ramanagara - 571511.

Date of Demand Notice: 11-10-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated 17-11-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.17,80,175/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Five Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 17-01-2022 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Najeeb Ulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Shafi Ulla Khan)

All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.95/95/1016/400/9. Measuring:- East to West - 42½ feet and North to South - 25½ feet, situated at Ward No.23, Kothipura, 2nd Stage, Ramanagara. Totally Measuring 1,083¾ Sq.ft. Bounded by:- East - Property of Others, West - Municipal Road, North - Property of Imtiyaz Ali Baig, South - Property of Afsar Khan.

Place: Ramanagara, Date: 19-01-2022

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Babajan, No.179, 23rd Ward, Near Bismilla Circle, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159. No.2) Mrs. Mohammadi Arifa @ Riswana, W/o. Mr. Babajan, No.179, 23rd Ward, Near Bismilla Circle, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159.

Date of Demand Notice: 30-09-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated 01-11-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.17,28,883/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Three Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 30-12-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note:- That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC: 501912090016754) Dated **08-09-2020** requested by No.1, of you for which No.2, of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,09,000/-** at a ROI of **13.5%** and the balance outstanding as on **29-12-2021** is **Rs.1,26,455/-.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mrs. Mohammadi Arifa @ Riswana, W/o. Mr. Babajan)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.139A/20/82/A, measuring East to West - 40 feet and North to South - 24 feet on the East, 70 Feet on the West together with 2,800 Sq.ft., situated at Tippu Nagar Kothipura, Amanikere, Ramanagara. Bounded on:- East by - Remaining Property of Mohammed Isak in Same, West by - Site of Yousuf, North by - Road, South by - Road.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 19-01-2022

III. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Jameel Ahamed, S/o. Mr. Chowdri Saheb Khan, No.366, Kirugavalu, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya - 571424. No.2) Mr. Kaleel Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Chowdri Saheb Khan, No.366, Kirugavalu, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya - 571424. No.3) Mrs. Shajahan, W/o. Mr. Jameel Ahamed, No.366, Kirugavalu, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya - 571424. No.4) Mrs. Nayeema Banu, W/o. Mr. Kaleel Ahmed, No.366, Kirugavalu, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya - 571424.

Date of Demand Notice: 26-10-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.14,25,470/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 07-01-2022 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note:- That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080078831) Dated **30-03-2021** requested by No.1, of you for which Nos.2, 3 & 4 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.3,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **29-07-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **06-01-2022** is **Rs.3,35,405/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **07-01-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. Jameel Ahamed & Mr. Kaleel Ahmed, Sons of Mr. Chowdri Saheb Khan)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential House bearing Khatha No.974/718, measuring East to West - 30 feet and North to South - 45 feet, Total measuring 1,350 Sq.ft., situated at Kirugavalu Village, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District. Bounded on:- East by - Saherabanu's House, West by - Road, North by - Akilabanu's House, South by - Road.

Place:Malavalli, Date: 19-01-2022

IV. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Shahiya Timbers, at No.2311, Mothi Nagar, Main Road, 2nd Railway Gate, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Touseef Ulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Sami Ulla Khan, at No.2966, 4th Ward, Masjid Lane, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Sheemaz, W/o. Mr. Touseef Ulla Khan, at No.2966, 4th Ward, Masjid Lane, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159.

Date of Demand Notice: 18-09-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.9,92,241/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty One Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 22-11-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. Touseef Ulla Khan, S/o. Mr. Sami Ulla Khan)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.254/238/2015, New Municipal Khatha No.238/2015, Present Property No.16-2-132-3, Old Property No.3015, Assessment No.238/3015. Measuring East to West 24 feet, North to South 50 feet, Totally measuring 1,200.00 Sq.ft., situated at Ward No.16, Balageri (Nerale Keri), Ramanagara. Bounded on East by - House of Asmath Khan, West by - Property of Pushpamma, North by - Property of Wajid Khan, South by - Municipal Road.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 19-01-2022

V. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. R S R Silks Traders, Balageri, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagaram, Karnataka - 562159. No.2) Mr. Syed Naveed Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Syed Rafiq, at No.2933, Mothi Nagar, 4th Cross, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Syeda Afeefa, W/o. Mr. Syed Naveed Ahmed, at No.2933, Mothi Nagar, 4th Cross, Ramanagara - 562159. No.4) Mr. Syed Rafiq, S/o. Mr. Syed Meer, At No.2933, Mothi Nagar, Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. No.5) Mrs. Syed Arshada Banu, W/o. Mr. Syed Rafiq, at No.2933, Mothinagar, Ramanagara - 562159.

Date of Demand Notice: 12-10-2021. Date of Possession: 19-01-2022. Amount Outstanding: Rs.8,73,977/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 20-12-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Rafiq, S/o. Mr. Syed Meer)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.2590/2375/1821, Now Municipal Khatha No.108/2933/C, PID No.15-3-140-3. Measuring: East to West - 28 feet and North to South - 50 feet, situated at Ward No.15, Mothi Nagar, Mohalla, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Boundaries on:- East by - Property of Mohammed Noor, West by - Property of applicant Syed Rafiq, North by - Conservancy, South by - Municipal Road.

Place: Ramanagara, Date: 19-01-2022

Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

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$634.965 bn India's total foreign exchange reserves after registering an increase of $2.229 billion in the week ended January 14, according to RBI data

IT firms looking beyond metros to hunt talents

Remote working, high attrition prompt hiring from Tier 2 & 3 cities

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WITH work-from-anywhere becoming the 'new normal' amid the pandemic, IT firms are now considering tier-II &-III cities as viable locations for work and also to attract young talent beyond main hubs.

Till 2020, freshers used to migrate from smaller towns to the metros in order to pursue their dream jobs, but the pandemic has made the tech world move to their hometowns. Since IT companies are struggling with attritions, they are now showing keen interest in bringing jobs closer to talent.

IT companies such as Mindtree, HCL, TCS and Infosys continue to focus on tapping the advantage of tier-II&-III cities across the country. HCL Technologies says that Tier-II cities enable enhanced operational resilience, stability and scalability. Apart from offices in main cities, the company has presence in Lucknow, Madurai, Nagpur and Vijayawada.

Its headcount in the cities under the company's New Vistas category, which includes four smaller cities, is up nearly 43% from the last fiscal year. HCL's total headcount is at 1.97 lakh.

As there are reputed educational institutions in tier-II cities, IT companies say hiring from such campuses work well for them.

Recently, Infosys in an earnings call said its global college graduate hiring programme for this fiscal has been increased to over 55,000 against the previous quarter number of 45,000.

IT constitutes 8% of India's GDP contributing more than half of India's services exports and the demand for digital skills is projected at 20X by 2024.

COMPANIES REACHING OUT TO TALENTS

IT majors	Cities emerging as hot destinations
TCS	Vadodara, Patna, Varanasi, Trivandrum, Kochi, Indore, Coimbatore, Bhubaneswar and Raipur
Cognizant	Coimbatore, Kochi and Mangaluru
Wipro	Guwahati, Mysuru, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur and Vadodara
Infosys	Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Hubballi, Indore, Jaipur, Mysuru and Thiruvananthapuram
HCL	Nagpur, Madurai, Lucknow and Vijayawada

IT sector constitutes 8% of India's GDP

Talent aplenty in Tier-II cities

According to the Randstad Talent Trends report, among the tier-2 cities, Chandigarh, Vadodara, Indore, Coimbatore, Kochi and Trivandrum are emerging in importance as employment hubs in IT. It says at the junior level of talent, Vadodara leads with 14% of the IT jobs among tier-II cities followed by Chandigarh, Jaipur, Coimbatore and Kochi.

At the middle level, Chandigarh leads with 20.83%, and at the senior level, Coimbatore leads with 37.86% of the IT jobs among tier-II cities.

There is a good concentration of software companies in Tier-II cities due to talent availability and also cheaper real estate. The report further adds that Tier- II cities in India are expanding rapidly as they have started developing as sector hubs for IT, services and manufacturing.

Organisations are also recruiting and increasing hiring from these cities for jobs that can be done from anywhere.

Mindtree MD and CEO Debashis Chatterjee says, "As part of our 'Work of the Future' talent strategy, we are also tapping into tier-II&-III cities and setting up offices in Coimbatore and Warangal. The idea is to take work to talent instead of bringing talent to work. These cities have a vibrant educational ecosystem and are great reservoirs of talent. The response from talent in these cities looking to associate with us without having to relocate has been overwhelming."

Vinit Teredesai, Chief Financial Officer, Mindtree, in an earnings call said, "We are also trying to look at getting some talent in tier-II, III cities like Coimbatore, which would help us in terms of not only managing the demand, but also managing the attrition. These cities are traditionally having lower attrition rates compared to some of the tier-I cities.

TCS has a good presence in Tier-II cities including Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar. The city has many IT companies including Capgemini and Tech Mahindra. In 2020, Tech Mahindra inaugurated a new delivery centre in Warangal, which is being promoted as the next technology destination after Hyderabad.

NEWSCOPE

TAXING THE RICH TO FIGHT INEQUALITY BACK IN FASHION

SOUMYADIP SINHA

GURBIR SINGH

AT the recent virtual World Economic Forum (WEF), there was a breathtaking admission and an amazing offer from a group of billionaires.

Calling themthe 'Patriotic Millionaires', the group of more than 100 billionaires and millionaires told the WEF: make us pay more tax. They said the ultra-wealthy were not currently being forced to pay their share of the global economic recovery from the pandemic.

"As millionaires, we know that the current tax system is not fair. Most of us can say that, while the world has gone through an immense amount of suffering in the last two years, we have actually seen our wealth rise during the pandemic - yet few if any of us can honestly say that we pay our fair share in taxes," the signatories that included Disney heiress Abigail Disney and venture capitalist Nick Hanauer, said in a letter to WEF delegates.

If there were more such benevolent capitalists, the world wouldn't be such a bad place.

Over the course of the pandemic's last 2 years, as wealth inequality has grown, there have been increasing calls for more progressive taxation. India's annual budget is on the anvil on 1 February, and it is a good time to weigh these issues.

Inequality and Inflation

OXFAM, a world charity, released a report 'Inequality Kills' at the WEF. Its India CEO, Amitabh Behar, told IndiaSpend.com that the transfer of wealth to the rich in India has exploded during the pandemic. "India had 102 billionaires last year, and now it's 142. On the other hand, the most conservative estimates say that at least 4.6 crore people have slid into poverty in India."

Meanwhile, internationally, over the course of the two years, the fortunes of the world's 10 richest individuals have risen to $1.5 trillion - or by $15,000 a second.

After the second Covid wave subsided around September last year, there was correction and growth. From December onwards though the world has again seen a new pandemic wave, and much of the economic gains have been wiped out. As businesses have again slumped, inflation has shot up.

In India, high prices and an economic slowdown was the unwelcome cocktail in December, and the Reserve Bank (RBI) expects the trend to persist through the fourth quarter. Data showed retail inflation quickened to a five-month high of 5.56% in December amid soaring food prices, while industrial growth slipped to a 9-month low of 1.4% as pent up demand during the festive months failed to sustain in November.

In most of the developed world, inflation is being seen as a long term threat. Governments are hunkering down and wealth transfers to the poorer world is going slower. In the US, December prices climbed 7% year-over-year, the largest increase since June 1982. Inflation was mainly due to prices of vehicles going up nearly 40%, food is 6.3% higher, and shelter costs have risen by 4.1%.

Progressive taxation

One of the spin-offs of the pandemic, which has triggered the worst recession in history since World War 2, was a broad agreement by 130 countries making it mandatory for companies to pay a global minimum tax rate of 15% wherever they operate. Though this has eliminated evasion of taxes, it is still not enough.

The pre-Covid narrative encouraged by the corporate world is that high taxation takes away investible surplus, blunts growth and ultimately works against the small man. The trend the world over has been to lower corporate and individual taxes, expecting better compliance and a wider net will yield higher revenue.

India has gone down the same path, lowering income tax on the highest slabs. Wealth tax was abolished in the Union Budget for Financial Year 2016.

This approach has not worked for compliance. Oxfam's Amitabh Behar cites a Global Tax Network study which says $450 billion are evaded from taxes annually. In India, hundreds have been named in the Pandora P*apers* — the Indian super-rich who tried to avoid taxes by parking their wealth anonymously in tax havens abroad.

The narrative is now changing. Even among the billionaires. Wealth tax cannot be seen anymore as an anti-growth impost. It is a tool to transfer back assets to the those at the bottom who have taken a hammering. During the pandemic, two countries - Argentina and Colombia - introduced wealth tax to fund anti-Covid measures. Oxfam's report argues that by taxing the super-rich just 1% of their wealth, India could fund its entire vaccination programme of ₹50,000 crore.

Parallelly, we have to move towards a Universal Basic Income. It's on the agenda in the West where a guaranteed income from the state works as a bulwark against poverty. Instead of allocations for subsidized food, fertilizer, etc, direct cash transfers to the poor works better. The Congress' Rahul Gandhi has spoken of a basic income guarantee of ₹6,000 a month.

Where will it come from? In September 2019, before the Covid-19 pandemic, the Modi government had slashed corporate tax rates for domestic manufacturers from 30% to 22%, and for new manufacturing companies, the rate was reduced from 25% to 15%. These tax cuts cost the exchequer ₹ 1.5 lakh crore. Money is being made. Has the government the will to claim it for the poor?

Cryptos shed over $1 tn in market cap

UMA KANNAN @ Benglauru

CRYPTOCURRENCY prices, which have been falling ever since Russia's central bank proposed a ban on crypto trading, touched a new low on Saturday with Bitcoin tumbling to $36,000 levels, a drop of over 17% from last week. In the past 24 hours alone, Bitcoin has shed over 8.5%.

Ethereum, the second largest crypto, also dropped 12% in 24 hours. Other altcoins such as BNB, ADA and SOL too tanked. In all, the cryptocurrency market cap has shrunk a whopping $1.3 trillion.

On Thursday, Russia's central bank had called for a ban on cryptos citing threats of citizens' well-being and also financial stability. The move created considerable concern among investors as Russia is one of the world's largest crypto adopters. However, major players such as CoinDCX, India's largest cryptocurrency exchange, are unfazed as they believe the current meltdown won't have a long-term impact on the crypto market. They point out the sector has weathered bans, restrictions and regulatory scrutiny in the past as well.

Not just cryptos, most other markets are down this week, points out Sathvik Vishwanath, co-founder and CEO of Unocoin. He attributes the fall to the Covid pandemic, among other things.

Bitcoin was trading at $35,486 on Saturday.

'Reset loan book may see stress'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS the moratorium period for borrowers is getting over and a portion of restructured loans are coming up for repayment, there is a general concern in the banking sector that the restructured book will be an additional challenge on the collection front.

Babu K A, Executive Vice President & Head Collections, Federal Bank, while talking to *TNIE*, said that a part of the restructured book may turn into NPA. He adds that a section of the borrowers finds it difficult to meet the repayment obligations.

"This was also reflected in the RBI's (Financial Stability) report that the gross NPAs of banks may go up from current levels in the next one year to 18-month time," said Babu.

There are, however, ways of making things better, says Babu, by engaging more with the borrowers and playing the role of a good business partner and financial advisor to them. He says the stress is more visible in MSME (loans) than in retail.

In the case of retail, he says, good banks have been able to maintain the collection efficiency, which was pre-Covid. In case of Federal Bank till the end of Sept quarter, it had a collection efficiency of 96%.

EXPRESS READ

'Public Wi-Fi hotspots can create 2-3 cr jobs'

New Delhi: Setting up of 1 crore public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country by this year as envisaged under the present telecom policy has the potential to create 2-3 crore job opportunities, a senior government official said on Saturday. Telecom Secretary K Rajaraman while speaking at Broadband India Forum (BIF) event called upon Wi-Fi equipment makers to lower the cost of their products for the expansion of PM's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) which aims to set up Wi-Fi hotspots across the country.

Jio completes 5G coverage for 1k cities

New Delhi: Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio informed that it has completed 5G network coverage planning for top 1,000 cities in the country, so far. In a presentation on Friday, Jio Infocmm President Kiran Thomas said the company is augmenting its fibre capacity in these cities and has created teams to focus on 5G deployment. "5G coverage planning has been completed for 1,000 top cities across the country. Jio has been doing trials on advanced use cases across healthcare and industrial automation on its 5G network," Jio said.

ICICI Bank Q3 profit rises 19% on lower provisions

PRIVATE sector lender ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a nearly 19% jump in its consolidated profit to ₹6,536 crore for the quarter ended in December 2021, helped by higher net interest income (NII) and lower provisions.

The bank had posted a profit after tax of ₹5,498 crore in the year-ago period.

"It was an all-round growth. We had an NII growth of 23% and core operating profit also grew by 25%. Our provisions declined by 27%," the lender's Executive Director Sandeep Batra told reporters.

However, total income was lower at ₹39,865.80 crore in the third quarter this fiscal compared to ₹40,419.08 crore in the same quarter a year ago.

On a standalone basis, the profit after tax jumped by 25% to ₹6,194 crore in the third quarter of FY22 compared to ₹4,940 crore in the same quarter of FY21. Total income increased to ₹27,069.67 crore from ₹24,416 crore. Net interest income (NII) jumped by 23% year-on-year to ₹12,236 crore compared to ₹9,912 crore.

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Business & Beyond

Ramco Cement bags Gold in Apex India Occupational Health & Safety Awards

Ramco Cements, Alathiyur Plant bagged Gold in the Apex India Occupational Health & Safety Awards 2021.More than 120 companies participated from various sectors like cement, power, steel & automobile etc. The presentations from various companies were scrutinised by a panel headed by RK Suri, former director MOEF (Ministry of Environment & Forests) and Subhash Chandra Bhasin, former General Manager, Steel Authority of India.

Indian Oil's SERVO turns 50

SERVO, India's most preferred lubricant brand, marked its 50th year since inception on January 12th, 2022. The occasion saw the launch of the BS-VI compliant SERVO Futura NXT 0W-16 lubricant specifically designed for the new-generation cars with advanced after treatment devices (ATDs). The lubricant is blended from synthetic base stocks and high-performance additives to provide high oxidation stability and very low oil consumption.

IRFC first CPSE to list green offshore bonds

Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFC), the dedicated market borrowing arm of the Indian Railways, on Thursday launched its $500 million 144A/Reg S USD Bonds under the 7 billion Global Medium Term Note (GMTN) Programme rated at par with the sovereign, with exclusive listing at India INX and NSE-IFSC. IRFC is the first CPSE to list its offshore bonds at Indian stock exchanges in the GIFT City.

VO Chidambaranar Port handles longest windmill blades

VO Chidambaranar Port on Jan 20 handled wind blades of length 81.50 metres, the longest of its kind handled through VOC Port. The loading of the 81.50 metre long wind blades (each weighing 25 tonnes) was carried out diligently using ship's hydraulic cranes with utmost care to the safety of the cargo and cargo handling workers.

POWERGRID rated 'Excellent' in MoU signed with power ministry

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' CPSE, has been rated 'Excellent' (Score 98.41) in Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for FY21 signed with Ministry of Power (MoP). POWERGRID has been consistently rated 'Excellent' under MoU since first MoU for FY 1993-94. As on December, 2021, POWERGRID is owning and operating about 1,72,192 ckm transmission lines and 264 sub-stations with transformation capacity of about 4,69,607 MVA.

POWERGRID and Africa50 to pioneer transmission project in Kenya

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) a Maharatna CPSE, has signed a Joint Development Agreement with Africa50, the pan-African infrastructure investment platform to continue to develop the Kenya Transmission Project on a public-private partnership basis. The project entails the development, financing, construction, and operation of the 400kV Lessos - Loosuk and 220kV Kisumu - Musaga transmission lines.

Exhibition on 'Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle' at BHEL Bhopal

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations were held at BHEL Bhopal which were presided over by Arun Goel, Secretary, Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries. Goel also inaugurated an exhibition on 'Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle'. Presentation was also made on 'Idea Generation Challenge' on Sanrachna Portal, wherein 150 ideas were received on EVs, green hydrogen, IT solutions in power sector, etc.

India football great Bhowmick no more

Former India footballer and celebrated coach Subhas Bhowmick died after prolonged illness in the wee hours of Saturday, according to family sources. The former India midfielder, who was part of the 1970 Asiad bronze medal-winning member, was suffering from kidney and diabetes related ailments for a long time and breathed his last around 3.30 am, said a family source. He was 72 years.

Mumbai favourite to host IPL 2022

Final call between India or SA before auction, 15th edition to be advanced by a week

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

WITH 10 teams in place and keeping the onset of the South-west Monsoon by the first week of June in mind, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has told IPL franchises that it is contemplating beginning the tournament on March 27, a week ahead of the slated start date of April 2. This and the venue of the tournament, a choice between Mumbai, UAE and South Africa, will be decided before the two-day auction from February 12.

The top brass of the BCCI and IPL chief Brijesh Patel had a virtual meeting with the team owners on Saturday. It is understood that the unanimous choice is to host the event in India with Mumbai and Pune being the shortlisted venues.

Discussions have taken place over using the Wankhede stadium, DY Patil Stadium, Cricket Club of India and the MCA stadium in Pune. It is understood that the Reliance Cricket Stadium in Navi Mumbai has also been spoken of as a potential host. But the franchises have left the choice to the BCCI while remaining optimistic that the tournament can be held in India. For the record, schools are reopening in Maharashtra in the first week of February, which the BCCI believes is a good sign. In case the BCCI is not able to host the event in India, then it will get back to the franchises by February first week with other options.

While the BCCI's earlier Plan B was South Africa and Sri Lanka, it is understood that the later has been striked off as it usually rains in May. Moreover, some franchises have also asked BCCI to keep the UAE as a host because of familiarity.

However, not all are in favour of taking the tournament to the gulf again because the weather will be too hot in the months of April and May.

With the tournament becoming a 74-match event following the inclusion of two new teams, there will be an increase in the day matches and there are concerns that playing the afternoon matches will be too demanding on the players. Moreover, franchises who are against UAE as a host have also pointed out how dew played a huge role in the outcome of matches which made it predictable.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Time for winless India to refresh batting tactics

GOMESH S @Chennai

WHEN Rishabh Pant said that South Africa batted well in the middle overs after the seven-wicket defeat in the second ODI, it wasn't an understatement. "Last match we chased, but in the second inning, it (pitch) became slower and slower as the game progressed. And, today, it was the same, but they batted well in the middle-overs," the wicketkeeper-batter said on Friday. In the middle-overs (10-40), India operated at a run rate of 4.9 and 5.3 with the bat, in the first and second ODI, respectively. Whereas, South Africa went at 5.7 and 5.9 run rates, outscoring the tourists in the 30-over period.

If the lull in the middle-overs weren't enough, India let South Africa get away with nine overs of spin — seven from Aiden Markram — in the first ten overs for just 37 runs. Although the tourists finished their first power play with over 50 runs in both matches, they didn't help themselves by not making the most of field restrictions, especially against Markram.

The only time India scored over six runs per over in the first 40 overs was when Pant was at the crease in the second ODI. The partnership between him and KL Rahul, 115 runs from 111 balls, was largely thanks to the former's counter-attacking innings. Rahul contributed just 31 runs from 46 balls to that stand, after seeing through the first 12 overs.

India's approach with the bat in the 50-over format is well known — keep wickets till the 35th over and go big in the last 15. Since the 2019 ODI World Cup, India have played 23 ODIs, winning and losing 11 matches (1 no result), with only five centuries from their top three. To put things into context, in the year leading up to the 2019 event, their top three had scored 14 hundreds in 27 matches. With the top three not scoring big consistently and other teams taking a proactive approach, it might be time for them revisit that template, with a home World Cup coming in less than two years.

Prior to the series, skipper Rahul had said that the ODIs give them a chance to experiment a few things. With the series lost, if India were to try and change the template before the World Cup, the last ODI against South Africa on Sunday wouldn't be a bad place to start.

Pride at stake

The series is done and dusted but there is still something left to play for in the third ODI at Cape Town on Sunday. A look at talking points...

INDIA'S ODI RECORD

In bilateral ODI cricket, India seldom get blanked. Since February 2015, they have gone an entire series with just one such result (New Zealand in New Zealand). Winning the third ODI isn't going to alter the result of the series but considering this is the beginning of a big season before the World Cup next year, it will just lift the mood music a touch after a miserable last three weeks.

THE MALAISE AT THE TOP

Much has been made of India wanting to embrace a newer, bolder approach to white-ball cricket. However, it's been more of the same, in reality. KL Rahul, for instance, strikes the ball at 69.7. Virat Kohli is at 75 and Shikhar Dhawan at 88.5. That top three still value wicket-preservation over looking for boundaries. The former two, especially. Together, Rahul and Kohli have faced 85 balls in the first 15 overs for two boundaries.

Live on Star Sports Networks from 2pm

Oz Open: Medvedev & Tsitsipas win

AFP @ Melbourne

DANIIL Medvedev won over the Australian Open crowd on Saturday as he eased into the last 16 along with Stefanos Tsitsipas. The 25-year-old kept his cool in sweltering conditions on Margaret Court Arena to roll through 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 in 1hr 55min and faces American Maxime Cressy in the fourth round. "I'll put it this way, it's easier to play a guy from the Netherlands than a guy from Australia in Australia in Melbourne," said Medvedev, who has a similar love-hate dynamic with the crowd in New York.

Greek fourth seed Tsitsipas was also largely untroubled in a 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (2), 6-4 win over unseeded Frenchman Benoit Paire and plays American Taylor Fritz next. In the women's draw, Simona Halep swatted aside Danka Kovinic 6-2, 6-1 in just 64 minutes to set up a date with Cornet of France.

Saturday's results (select, Rd 3)

Men: Stefanos Tsitsipas bt Benoit Paire 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (2), 6-4, Daniil Medvedev bt Botic van de Zandschulp 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, Marin Cilic bt Andrey Rublev 7-5, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3.

Women: Iga Swiatek bt Daria Kasatkina 6-2, 6-3, Simona Halep bt Danka Kovinic 6-2, 6-1, Aryna Sabalenka bt Marketa Vondrousova 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed doubles (Rd 1): Andrey Golubov/ Lyudmyla Kichenok bt Rohan Bopanna/ Darija Schreiber 1-6, 6-4, 11-9.

Sunday's matches (select, Rd 4)

Men: Rafa Nadal vs Adrian Mannarino, Alexander Zverev vs Denis Shapovalov.

Women: Ash Barty vs Amanda Anisimova, Jessica Pegula vs Maria Sakkari.

3 points vital for India

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

INDIAN national women's football team coach Thomas Dennerby is expected to shape the course of women's football in the country to a great extent.

Besides being the head coach of the Indian senior team which is currently competing in the AFC Women's Asian Cup, he is also in charge of the India team which will compete in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup that is scheduled to happen later this year. Ahead of India's game against Iran, the Swedish coach had predicted how Iran will defend deep and make things difficult for his side. That prediction came true as India dominated the game for the majority of the game but walked away with just a goalless draw. "The only thing we can do is focus on our opponents and not the table," said Dennerby on Saturday ahead of their second Group A game against Chinese Taipei at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Post Covid setback, BFC face FC Goa challenge

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 situation has crippled teams in the Indian Super League and Bengaluru FC are no exception. Several members of the club were infected with the virus, forcing the players and the coaching staff to remain in isolation. They were limited to their hotel rooms primarily. They finally resumed training as they prepare to face Goa FC at GMC Athletic Stadium on Sunday.

However, even after their training recommenced, one of their players, who was present in the practice session tested positive on Friday. The Covid situation is such that teams will have to wait until the eleventh hour to pick players for a contest, which makes matters tough for the team management. "We had 11 (Covid) cases including players and staff. We were more than 10 days in quarantine. Two days ago, we started with our training. Yesterday (Friday), we got a new case. The player was training with us, so we will see," said Bengaluru coach Marco Pezzaiuoli. "However, the training was good. After staying in the room for 10 days, it was vital for the players to get the feeling of the ball and build a good atmosphere. Not a lot of tactics as we don't know which player will join in the end."

It is not going to be an easy clash for Bengaluru, who have not played after their win over Mumbai City on January 10. Their last game against ATK Mohun Bagan was postponed. In fact, the twelve-day gap might have come at a wrong time for the Blues, who were in an impressive unbeaten run in their last five matches. On the other hand, Goa have played two games during the period. With the Gaurs possessing a good mix of Indian and foreign players, Pezzaiuoli is aware of the challenge that lie ahead, but is up for the contest.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Angkrish, Bawa tons put India U-19 on top

TAROUBA: Angkrish Raghuvanshi (144) and Raj Bawa (162*) smashed tons against Uganda as India posted a 405/5 in their final group stage of the U-19 World Cup in Trindad and Tobago.

Brief scores: India: 405/5 (Angkrish 144, Bawa 162 n.o; Murungi 3/72) vs Uganda

Vidit settles for draw, stays in joint lead

WIJK AAN ZEE: Indian GMs Vidit Santhosh Gujrathi and R Praggnanandhaa drew their games in Round 6 of the Tata Steel Masters chess tournament. Gujrathi shared honours with Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland) to take his tally to four points.

Sindhu one victory away from top prize

LUCKNOW: PV Sindhu reached the women's singles final of the Syed Modi badminton meet after her Russian opponent Evgeniya Kosetskaya retired hurt midway into their semifinal here. Sindhu won the first game 21-11 before Kosetskaya conceded the match.

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3	Estimated Cost	Rs.3,93,000/- (Three lakh ninety three thousand only)
4	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.7,860/- (Seven thousand Eight hundred Sixty only)
5	Period of Completion	10 Months
6	Security Deposit	2.5 % of tendered value
7	Performance Guarantee	3% of tendered value
8	Cost of Tender Document	Rs.500/- (non-refundable)
9	Tender Sale Period	From 24.1.2022 to 1.2.2022 (11 am to 4 pm on all working days)
10	Due date & Time for submission of Tender	7.2.2022 till 4.00 pm
11	Date & time of opening of Tender	7.2.2022 at 4.15 pm
11	Place of Tender Submission	Tender Box No. 3, at Building No.2.
12	Place of Tender opening	O/o Accounts Officer, BARC, Building No. 2

Chief Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE/C/PCC	26 - 30	5

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Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Office Of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1 st Floor of PRED Division, Nehru Nagar- 590010

No. RDW&S/BGM/PB-4/TND-58/KW-4/2021-22 Date:

ITEM RATE TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Belgaum invites item rate tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State Government from the eligible contractors
II)Indent Number.- 35775, 37812, 36106, 37816, 36088, 36613, 36369, 35757/CALL-2, 35755/CALL-2
II) Calendar events are as follows:
i) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **28-01-2022 @ Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1st Floor of PRED Division, Near Nagar-590010 at 11.00 hours**
ii)Last date & time for receipt of tenders through e-portal: **05-02-2022 upto 17.30 hours.**
iii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **07-02-2022 at 17.31 hours**
iv) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Technical Bid approval**
III) Amount put to Tender , EMD, work completion period , Class of contractor, eligibility criteria are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office ofhe undersigned and also through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of Tenders which will ink to all dept works list

Sd/- Executixe Engineer,
DIPO/BGM/RONO.1333/20-21 RDW & S Division, Belagavi.

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CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHIKKAMAGALURU

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿಎಂಸಿ/ಸಿಕೆಎಂ/15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು/ಪಿ.ಆರ್/01/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–01–2022

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Due to the surge of covid 19 pandemic, the time period for submission of new membership form has been extended till 28.02.2022. Interested persons can download the application form online or collect it from the office of the Society and submit the same by Speed post / Registered Post / Courier or physically till 28.02.2022 upto 05:00 p.m.
Dated : 21st January, 2022 Sd/- General Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105
Phone No: 08472-278634/256944, Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/2290 Dated : 21-01-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below
The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurement system only.
1) Name of work : Chittapur taluka-01(Indent no 38554 Kalaburagi taluka-02(Indent no 37138 & 37149, 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2021-22, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & II & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 50,77,826/- Max 2,11,97,195/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 20-01-2022 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Pre bid meeting date : 24-01-2022 at 11.00 am, 8) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 28-01-2022 4.00pm, 9) Opening of Technical Bid : 29-01-2022 16:01pm, 10) Opening of Financial Bid : 31-01-2022 11:00am, 11) Address for any clarification reg. tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation, Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Kalaburagi/991/MC&A/2021-22 RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

Beaming and waving her arms in the air, teenage pilot Zara Rutherford was euphoric on Thursday after completing a solo, round-the-world flying odyssey with the dream of getting into the record books

Charles Dubouloz became the 1st person to climb the dangerous north face of the Grandes Jorasses, solo and in winter. Forming a part of the Mont Blanc Massif, the mountain is one of the 3 great north faces in the Alps

EXFILE • HEALTH

TO CULL OR NOT TO CULL THE HAMSTERS

The people and the government of Hong Kong are locked in a "battle" as the latter "strongly recommended" handing over hamsters for culling. Despite the government citing that traces of the Delta variant were found in these pets, the citizens and netizens are up with staunch criticism against the move to euthanise the hamsters. They've signed petitions, offered to hide the pets and even issued backdated receipts to fake that the hamsters were bought before December 22. Here's a brief

SPARKING A BACKLASH

Animal lovers are stationing themselves outside the government-run hamster collection facility to dissuade owners from giving up their pets

The internet was flooded with pictures of children crying when handing over their beloved pets and interviews of people clandestinely working to save the hamsters

RARE DELTA DETECTED

The drastic move came after hamsters sold at the Little Boss pet shop tested positive for the Delta variant—now rare in Hong Kong

Yuen Kwok-yung, the city's top microbiologist and government adviser on Covid said the mass cull was needed to "avert disaster"

ZERO-COVID POLICY

The Chinese city adheres to the mainland's strict "zero-Covid" policy, in which even the slightest sign of the virus is stamped out with contact tracing, targeted lockdowns and long quarantines

Hong Kong's government on Friday warned local animal lovers not to obstruct its ongoing cull

DUTCH CONNECT

Authorities said on Tuesday that the Covid-positive creatures were believed to be imported from the Netherlands

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

The discovery of Covid-positive imported hamsters saw roughly 2,000 small pet shop mammals—mostly hamsters, but also rabbits, chinchillas and guinea pigs —culled as a "precautionary measure", with owners urged to surrender pets purchased after December 22

By late Thursday, the facility said it had received 68 hamsters. Officials dressed in full PPE gear carried red garbage bags marked with biohazard warnings out of the shop on Tuesday night. The import of small mammals has also been banned

A MANDATORY SURRENDER?

There is currently no penalty for pet owners who withhold hamsters purchased after December 22, but health officials have said Hong Kong has legal mechanisms for enforcing a mandatory surrender

ANIMAL-TO-HUMAN TRANSMISSION

The government warned of the "increased likelihood" of animal-to-human virus transmission, after finding more Covid-positive cases linked to other local pet shops

However, the WHO says that the risk of animal-to-human transmission "remains low"

A GRIM HUMOUR

A grim humour settled on Hong Kong-centric social media accounts, with netizens publishing illustrations of hamsters wearing surgical masks or facing off with the Grim Reaper

WHAT ANIMAL LOVERS HAVE TO SAY

The animal lovers say that the policy is not well-thought out. They question whether the same would have been done in case of cats and dogs

They also cited a recent birthday party attended by officials that resulted in multiple Covid infections and left Hong Kong's leadership red faced

They raised the question whether similar steps would be taken in that case too

15 MILLION MINKS

- Covid-related animal culling remains rare. Last year, Denmark was criticised for its decision to cull all 15 million of its mink population after some were found to carry a mutated virus variant
- Denmark is one of the world's main mink fur exporters, producing an estimated **17 million furs** per year

New fears over Omicron variant

Sub-variant cases rise in UK, India & Denmark; severity comparable to classic Omicron strain

COVID

PARIS: Scientists are keeping a close watch on a recently-discovered sub-variant of the Omicron version of the Covid-19 virus to determine how its emergence could effect future pandemic spread.

The initial Omicron variant has become the dominant virus strain in recent months but British health authorities have notably identified hundreds of cases of the latest version, dubbed BA.2, while international data suggest it could spread relatively quickly.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) identified more than 400 cases in Britain in the first ten days of this month and has indicated the latest variant has been detected in some 40 other countries, accounting for a majority of most recent cases in some nations including India, Denmark and Sweden. The UKHSA indicated on Friday it had designated the BA.2 sub-lineage as a variant under investigation (VUI) as cases of it were on the increase even if, in Britain, the BA.1 lineage currently remains dominant. The authority underlined that "there is still uncertainty around the significance of the changes to the viral genome," which required surveillance as, in parallel, cases in recent days showed a sharp rise in BA.2 incidence notably in India and Demark. "What surprised us is the rapidity with which this sub-variant, which has been circulating to a great extent in Asia, has taken hold in Denmark," French epidemiologist Antoine Flahault told *AFP*.

"(France) expected a spike in contaminations in mid-January: It didn't happen and perhaps that is due to this sub-variant, which seems very transmissible but not more virulent" than BA.1, he observed.

"What interests us is if this (sub-variant) possesses different characteristics" from BA.1 in terms of contagiousness and severity, France's public health agency said on Friday.

To date, only a handful of BA.2 cases have emerged in France—but the country is monitoring developments as it spreads across the Channel.

1st molecular level analysis of Omicron

A team of researchers, including an Indian-origin scientist at the University of British Columbia, has become the 1st in the world to conduct a molecular-level structural analysis of the Omicron spike protein, which could help accelerate the development of more effective treatments against the variant

Virus lands in Pacific, lockdowns imposed

Kiribati and Samoa introduced lockdowns on Saturday after overseas arrivals brought Covid to the Pacific island nations that had avoided the worst of the pandemic for two years. Until this month, Kiribati hadn't reported a single virus case, while Samoa had only recorded two since the pandemic began

Boosters highly effective: Study

COVID

NEW YORK: Three studies released on Friday offered more evidence that Covid-19 vaccines are standing up to the Omicron variant, at least among people who received booster shots.

They are the first large US studies to look at vaccine protection against Omicron, health officials said.

The papers echo previous research—including studies in Germany, South Africa and the UK—indicating available vaccines are less-effective against Omicron than earlier versions of the coronavirus, but also that boosters doses rev up virus-fighting antibodies to increase the chance of avoiding symptomatic infection. Protection dropped from 94% during the delta wave to 82% during Omicron. A third dose was at least 90% effective at preventing hospitalisations, both during the delta and Omicron periods, the study found.

World's first hydrogen tanker

ENERGY

HASTINGS: A state-of-the-art liquid hydrogen tanker readied for loading in Australia on Friday ahead of shipment to Japan, in what Canberra described as a "world first" trial of the technology.

The Suiso Frontier is docked near Melbourne and is being loaded with super-cooled hydrogen, a source of fuel that supporters hope could one day rival Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

The ship is part of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC), a joint Japanese-Australian project intended to produce plentiful, affordable fuel for Japan.

"This is a historic day, this is the beginning of an industry that will shape the future of global energy," said Australian energy minister Angus Taylor.

Hydrogen produces only steam and no carbon dioxide when burnt, making it an attractive possible alternative to dirtier fossil fuels.

EUROPEAN NATIONS SPAR OVER DEFENITION OF 'GREEN' ENERGY

ENVIRONMENT

AMIENS: Hours before the window for lodging objections closes, EU environment and energy ministers meeting in France on Friday differed sharply on a European Commission provision that would classify nuclear and natural gas energy as "sustainable".

The controversy pits countries led by France—where nuclear generates a world-leading 70 per cent of electricity—against Germany, Austria and others in the 27-nation bloc.

In late December the European Commission unveiled a classification labelling investment in nuclear gas-based energy as sustainable, in order to favour sectors that reduce the greenhouse gas emissions driving global warming.

Countries in the European Union had until midnight Friday to suggest modifications.

After that, the Commission—taking these suggestions into account—must "rapidly" publish a final text that will be definitely adopted four months later.

Passage in its current form seems more than likely: it would take a majority of deputies in the EU parliament or 20 of the 27 members states to derail it, and critical mass is lacking in both cases.

A letter to the executive European Commission from some European Parliament deputies protesting that the period for suggesting changes was too short has fallen on deaf ears.

And among EU member states, a dozen have backed France's position and the Commission's proposed taxonomy.

Many are central European nations looking to switch from carbon-intensive coal-fired power to natural gas.

"Nuclear is a decarbonised energy," French environment minister Barbara Pompili told journalists in Amiens. Despite the strong headwinds, anti-nuclear resistance has not subsided.

"It is neither sustainable nor economic", countered Germany environment minister Stefan Tidow. "It is not a green energy."

$1 million for ideas to feed astronauts

SPACE

WASHINGTON: NASA will pay up to $1 million to people who can come up with innovative and sustainable food production ideas to feed astronauts in space, as the US space agency prepares to send astronauts further into the cosmos than ever before.

Giving future explorers the technology to produce nutritious and satisfying meals on long-duration space missions will give them the energy required to uncover the great unknown. In coordination with the Canadian Space Agency, NASA has launched the 'Deep Space Food Challenge' that calls on teams to design, build, and demonstrate prototypes of food production technologies that provide tangible nutritional products—or food.

"Feeding astronauts over long periods within the constraints of space travel will require innovative solutions," said Jim Reuter from NASA.

Space economy might be threatened by debris

SPACE

NEW DELHI: The space economy is on track to be valued at a trillion dollars by the end of 2030, but assets such as navigation, weather and communication satellites that serve our society daily are threatened by space debris, an Indian-American professor has stressed.

According to NASA, it is estimated that millions of pieces of space debris orbit around Earth. A major portion of these objects as well as active satellites reside in the low-Earth orbit region, at altitudes between 200 km and 1,000 km.

In November last year, Russia destroyed one of its own satellites with a ground-based missile, creating thousands of pieces of debris that passed through the International Space Station (ISS).

The astronauts and cosmonauts had to take shelter in their Soyuz and Dragon vehicles docked at the space station, as the orbital lab continued to pass through a debris field every 90 minutes.

The US identified more than 1,500 trackable pieces of debris from the event, and many thousands of smaller ones couldn't be traced.

According to Piyush Mehta, Assistant Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at West Virginia University, the US, in low-Earth orbit, our ability to safeguard these space assets depends on modelling of the aerodynamic forces acting on the satellites, specifically satellite drag.

"The drag force acting on a satellite is affected by various physical parameters, however, the most crucial and uncertain are the drag coefficient and mass density," said Mehta, who leads a collaborative effort on satellite drag coefficient modelling initiative. Mehta explained that because of the interconnectedness of the two parameters, one of them is held constant, typically the drag coefficient, while the other is investigated.

He added that this causes inconsistencies in our understanding of the mass density variability in the upper atmosphere or thermosphere.

REGAINING STRENGTH

A California sea lion named Bottlecap that is recovering from sarcocystis sits in its enclosure after having a satellite tracking device attached to its body at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California on Thursday | AFP

Search on for humpback whale

A marine mammal rescue team is looking for an adult humpback whale entangled in debris off the coast of Hawaii. First responders removed about 2,000 feet of heavy-gauge line from the animal when it was off the island of Kauai. Authorities detached most of the gear but weren't able to get all of it off before the whale moved on. Officials plan to try to find the whale and clear more line from it. They will study the removed gear to try to determine what it is and where it came from. The drag from debris can cause whales to use more energy to swim. It can also make it harder for them to feed, potentially leading to starvation.

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NOT KIDDING

Toddlers might be smarter than you think, they can detect the depth of social ties

STUDY

WASHINGTON: The thought of sharing an ice cream cone with a stranger can trigger feelings of disgust—however that's often not the case with someone close to us, such as a romantic partner or child.

A new study in the journal *Science* on Thursday shows that children are aware of this dynamic from a very young age, and see saliva exchange—through activities like kissing, sharing food, or wiping away dribble—as a cue to tell whether two people have a special bond between each other.

"We know from a lot of research that infants are super attuned to that social aspect of their world," Ashley Thomas, a researcher at Harvard and MIT, told *AFP*. "But one thing that we didn't know before this study is whether they really pay attention to different types of relationships."

In particular, Thomas and colleagues wanted to know whether children can distinguish special relationships referred to as "thick," a term first coined by the philosopher Avishai Margalit. To test whether children make the same distinctions as adults, the team devised a series of experiments.

First they presented a group of more than 100 children aged five to seven with cartoons featuring characters in interactions with each other. The children successfully predicted that "sharing utensils, or licking the same food item, would occur within nuclear families, whereas sharing toys and partitionable food would occur equally within friendships and families."

A new study in the journal *Science* shows that children from a very early age can detect the difference between various relationships between humans | AFP

Next, the researchers wanted to test the theory on infants and toddlers, who cannot vocalise their thoughts as well as older children. Their experiment was inspired by classic studies of vervet monkeys, who heard a familiar juvenile in distress and looked toward that juvenile's mother, expecting her to respond. To recreate the idea for young humans, they made video clips featuring two female research assistants from Thomas's lab play-acting with a cute blue puppet. The first woman took a bite of an orange slice, then fed the puppet, then took another bite of the same slice.

The second woman is then shown passing a ball back and forth with the puppet. "Both are really friendly interactions and cooperative, but only one of them might be something that we would associate as adults with a close relationship," said Thomas.

They then showed their dozens of subjects a clip of the same puppet crying, with both women on either side of it, and measured who the babies looked at first and for how long. The children surmised that the pair in a saliva-sharing relationship were closer.

Both actresses—who were of different ethnicities -- played in both roles to different groups of economically and racially diverse toddlers.